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On the Street

"I AM NO AD WRITER; don't know anything about rounding out those high sounding adjectives and colorful sentences in an endeavor to attract the attention of the newspaper readers," remarked Tom Wright, merchant, to a representative of the Messenger one day this week. "I make the advertising statement in a plain manner and try to say just what I mean—that's all, and sometimes I am put to for words to express what I really want to say to the purchasing public. Then, imagine my surprise the other day when one of the best known Decatur citizens, a thoroly successful business man, who has retired from the grind, told me that he had been reading my advertisements in the Messenger and they appealed to him; that they carried weight and shot straight at the mark. I appreciated this very much, coming as it did from one of our town's best known citizens."

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"WANT to commend the Messenger on that article, published in last week's issue, about the dairymen of the community, their trials and tribulations," said Porter Key, farmer and dairyman. "You have published many very interesting articles in the Messenger," continued Mr. Key, "but you have never printed news that was more welcome among the men, women and children of the community, who are endeavoring to make something out of the dairy business. Messenger has proven itself a friend of the farmer on more occasions than one, but when you print something that will assist in calling the atention of the public to the bad conditions of the dairy business—bad for the people who are working day and night—the Messenger is doing a real service. You town people stand by us and we will do our part in creating a profitable milk [illegible] in the town; but, we need the assistance of the business interests of Decatur; and with the Messenger telling our side of the present controversy we believe our friends in town will see that our claims are just."

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FORMER CITIZEN of Decatur and chief executive of the old town when he resided here, D. J. Moss, now a business man of prominence of Cisco, was here Sunday to attend the funeral of Captain Steve A. Lillard, long time friend of Mr. Moss. Speaking of the sad taking-off of his friend, Mr. Moss said: "I was shocked when I heard that Steve was in the condition he was in, and his death was a severe blow. I was in his home a few days ago in Ranger, before he was taken to the Dallas sanitarium, and while I knew he was suffering from the injuries he received in that auto accident I had no idea that he was hovering on the grave's brink. He was cheerful, and we talked about days in old Decatur, when we both were living here. In Ranger, Steve Lillard was recognized as one of the leading citizens; he was a progressive and a leading spirit, and since he became a citizen of the town he was in every movement that would benefit the town and people. What he did in supplying [illegible] for Ranger will be long remembered. In my opinion, Ranger lost one of its biggest and best citizens in the death of Steve Lillard. And Ranger people appreciated him, too. Too bad, a fellow so useful, needed in a community, and in the very flush of vigorous manhood, should be stricken down as was he."

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"COMING down the west side of the square last night from the picture show, my wife and daughter say they had to hold their hands over their ears to [illegible] from hearing the vile oaths that were uttered by boys and young men in the gang that nightly swarm on the side-walk near the Frank Green confectionery," remarked a prominent Decatur citizen. And, readers, the gentleman was not one bit choice in his estimate of the boys and young men who gather on side-walks and swear like tipsy sailors. "Can't something be done to correct this disgraceful condition?" the gentleman asked, and then he drifted into reminiscence: "I was just wondering how long that crowd of cursing, insulting gangsters would carry on with their disgraceful conduct in the days when Wes Helm was town marshal in Decatur. Why, bless your soul, Wes would not have tolerated that for one minute. The first crack one of these rowdies made at a girl walking along the street he would have been marched to the cooler and that boisterous swearing and blockading of the side-walk would have been staged but one time and the calaboose would have been occupied. [illegible] ns that our night watchman would [illegible] after this situation. We have no town marshal, and if the night watchman over-looks this nightly stunt, we

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DEATH OF STEVE A. LILLARD TAKES ONE OF BEST CITIZENS OF SECTION

Sorrowing Throngs Pay Splendid Tributes Here Sunday

Steve A. Lillard Jr., former citizen of Decatur, but for more than a year a resident of Ranger, where he was active vice president of the Ranger State Bank, died at eleven-thirty last Saturday morning in the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas, where he was taken from his home, suffering from an injury he received in an automobile accident near Mahon, about seven weeks ago. The companion of Steve, a Mr. McFall, prominent citizen of Ranger, was killed in the accident.

Everything known by the most eminent physicians of Dallas was done for the patient, but complications had set up their deadly work before the sick man arrived at the sanitarium and it was the opinion of the doctors in attendance that death would claim its victim in a short time. Steve, conscious of his serious condition, and that he was making a losing fight against an enemy more dangerous and over-powering than those he had met on the battle-fields of France and Flanders, was cheerful, and faced the issue with that bravery and fortitude that characterized his conduct on the fire swept ground when civilization was being challenged to its supreme contest. To an intimate friend a few minutes before he died he remarked it was a hard fight, "but we will do our best to win." At eleven-thirty Saturday morning the end came.

The body was brought to Decatur last Saturday evening, and hundreds of town and country people visited the Lillard home on North Trinity street to pay tribute to the young man they knew and loved. Sunday afternoon at two-thirty funeral services were held at the First Methodist church by Rev. Harrison Baker, former pastor and personal friend of the deceased, assisted by Dr. J. L. Ward, life time friend of the Lillard family. The church auditorium and balcony were crowded, and at least three hundred people were on the outside of the building. The floral offerings, from friends in Decatur and outside towns and cities, were beautiful and numerous, and it required a special car to transport them to the cemetery. Splendid, deserving tributes were paid the deceased by Rev. Baker and Dr. Ward. At the grave in Oaklawn cemetery a brief prayer was said by Dr. Ward, following scripture reading by Rev. E. H. Mays, and the body was consigned to the grave.

In the death of Steve A. Lillard, Decatur and Wise county lose one of their most loyal citizens. Here he was born and grew to man's estate, and tho at the time of his death he was a resident of Ranger, he considered Decatur his home. He was a graduate of A. & M. College, and while attending the school he was an outstanding member of the football team. He attended State University. At the time of his death he was a regent of A. & M. During the world war he was a captain of an infantry company, Company L, One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment, and received training at Camp Bowie in Fort Worth. In France, leading his company in the thickest of the fray, he displayed marked courage and valor, and was decorated by the French government. After being honorably discharged from the army, when the bloody conflict that rocked the world was over, Captain Lillard returned to the old home town. He entered the banking business with his father, as vice president of the City National Bank. About a year ago he purchased an interest in a Ranger bank, and with his family he moved there. In the prpogressive life of that little city, Steve took his part from the very start, and at the time he was stricken down he was one of the recognized leaders in big affairs of the place.

Surviving are his wife, who before marriage was Miss Bettie Lou Jarret of Fort Worth, and three children; also father, S. A. Lillard, pioneer banker and merchant of Decatur, mother, three brothers and one sister.

As a friend, Steve Lillard was as true as steel, as constant as the needle is to the pole; he knew no faults in a friend; in sunshine and shadow he was the same—true, dependable. He was charitable to a fault, giving with a lavish hand. His ideals were high, and he went to his grave an honored, upright citizen; one who will be missed. His good deeds will live and endure in the hearts of all who knew his worth as friend, soldier and citizen

May Organize Lions Club for Bridgeport

Seven of Bridgeport's most prominent citizens were guests of Decatur Lions Club, at thte weekly meeting in the chamber of commerce hall on Wednesday at noon. The visitors had come to the gathering of the club to see the "inside workings" of such an organization, looking to the probable forming of a similar club in Bridgeport. They had been invited by the local club's development committee. L. D. Kirkpatrick was spokesman of the delegation, and those who accompanied him were B. B. Poore, Floyd Helm, J. S. McKenzie, Frank Turner, Will Hines and W. H. Johns.

Evidence of the growing good-will between the towns of the county was evinced at the session, in remarks made by the Bridgeport citizens and speakers on the program of Decatur.

Twenty-three of the twenty-six members of the Decatur club were present at the meeting. Wallace Gregg, who was last week elected to membership in the organization, attended his first meeting Wednesday.

Music at the piano was rendered by Miss Dorothy Patterson, and several numbers were presented by the male quartet composed of Leslie, Faust and Roger Nobles and Willard Jones.

C. OF C. BANQUET SET FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Directors' meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday night selected the date of Friday night, March 4th, for the holding of the annual chamber of commerce banquet, which was postponed from Friday night of last week. The program as originally drafted will be carried out, and offers to be one of the most interesting and instructive events of the nature yet given.

The occasion will be held in the dining hall of Decatur College. Plates will be sixty-five cents each, and so pressing are the subjects to be discussed and so pleasurable will the event prove it is expected that a large crowd will aattend. Quite a number of tickets have already been sold for the event.

Bill Nye said: "Music has charms to soothe the savage, rend a rock and split a cabbage." We have known some people who could split a cabbage without the aid of music or the rock.

Ranger Financier who Answered Call

STEVE A. LILLARD JR.
Whose body was laid to rest Sunday in Oaklawn Cemetery at Decatur.

MEXICANS FOUND HERE HELD FOR QUESTIONING

Two Mexicans, strangers in the community, were arrested Tuesday afternoon while loitering in a neighborhood northwest of the city. Boys out rabbit hunting found the Mexicans asleep in a hollow, and when aroused from their slumber the Mexicans requested the boys to secure them some food. The boys reported to neighbors nearby, who informed the sheriff's deparment.

Deputy Sheriff Kraft and Special Officer Paul Kennedy rounded up the Mexicans and brought them before County Attorney F. A. Davenport for questioning. They pleaded they could not understand the English language but the county attorney thought otherwise, and after a few of his questions were turned down by the gentlemen from across the Rio Grande, they were sent to jail.

It is the opinion of Mr. Davenport and his assistant, Jennings C. Brown, that the strangers will conclude they can understand good United States language after they spend a time in the county bastile.

"And we are holding them until we can get a report from the Fort Worth police headquarters concerning the disappearance of two Mexicans there who were implicated in a cutting affray the other night," said the attorney.

One of the Mexicans carried a bad looking pistol when Deputy Luther Craft gave him the "once over."

FORT WORTH MAN KILLED FRIDAY WHEN CAR WRECKED ON HIGHWAY

C. C. Shaeffer, Fort Worth contractor, and about thirty-seven years of age, was killed early last Friday morning while driving a truck on the Meridian Highway, seven miles north of Decatur. The body was brought to Decatur and was prepared for burial at the C. L. Christian undertaking parlors. Later an ambulance from Fort Worth arrived and took the remains to the Shaeffer home in that city.

From the testimony given Squire H. E. Brady, who held the inquest, it developed that Shaeffer picked up a stranger near Memphis, and while driving along the highway north of town the stranger, under the influence of whiskey, lurched against Shaeffer, causing him to lose control of the steering wheel, and the car plunged off the road. When it left the highway the machine turned over, pinning Shaeffer under it, and before he could be rescued he died. The stranger, who gave his name as Thomas Brownhill, was not seriously hurt.

Testimony given Justice Brady by travelers who came along shortly after the accident, was as follows: "While traveling on the Meridian Highway out of Decatur, Texas, about one-thirty a. m. on the morning of the 11th, we followed a car which was wrecked ahead of us, and upon inquiry found that a man by the name of C. C. Shaeffer had been killed. We were told that the deceased, Mr. Shaeffer, was driving the car. While eating a lunch in Alvord, Mr. Shaeffer made the remark that the man who was riding in the car with him, a man whom he had picked up, was so drunk that he could hardly drive the car on account of him continually leaning over on him.

"We do not think the dead man was drinking, and he seemed sober while in the restaurant at Alvord, a short time before the accident.

"From our observation and investigation we believe that the cause of Mr. Shaeffer's death was due to an accident, and do not believe it was due to any fault of Mr. Shaeffer. J. L. Campbell, Auditorium Hotel, Amarillo, Texas; J. L. Campbell, 419 East Fifth Street, Amarillo, Texas."

Thomas Brownhill, the man who was riding with Mr. Shaeffer when the accident occurred, made the following statement to Squire Brady:

"I am twenty-four years of age; my post office is general delivery, Dallas, Texas; my occupation is a cook.

"I first met Mr. Shaeffer at Memphis, Texas, February 10th, the day preceding the accident which resulted in his death. He offered me a ride to come south with him as far as Fort Worth. While on the Meridian Highway, between Alvord and Decatur, I was asleep and Mr. Shaeffer was driving. I was underneath the car and could not get out of the wreck. I called for help, and when relief came and assisted me out, we found that Mr. Shaeffer was dead. I was so blinded with blood and dirt that I could not see anything, and was brought to Decatur and taken to Dr. Ingram's office for treatment by some parties unknown to me. I do not know the cause of the acciden , for I was [illegible]"

DELAY ON WISE-MONTAGUE ROAD WORK BELIEVED ONLY TEMPORARY

Highway Commission Is Merely Following a General Policy

The new state highway commission has ordered that all work on the Meridian Highway be stopped, and as a result of this order the work that had been under way north of Alvord and in Montague county was suspended. Resident engineers along the road were instructed to let the work proceed long enough only to get gravel already on the sidings properly distributed.

That portion of the Meridian Highway which runs between Alvord and the Clay county line has for several years been the dread of motorists, and a sustained campaign has been waged in behalf of state aid for building of a hard surfaced road between the two points. After months of effort the work was started, when the commission in January set aside $320,000 to assist in building the twenty-eight miles of highway.

The contract provided that, after the state had built up the base, the Plains Paving Company of Wichita Falls was to lay a new Finlay method surface, wih curbing and the highway was to be finished by May 1st. Motorists could then drive from Belton on to Vernon over a hard surfaced highway—the longest stretch of hard surfaced highway in Texas.

Unofficial advices received here are that the highway commission had decided to seek the termination of the contract with the Plains Paving Company because of the fact that only state aid was involved in the project. No county aid was called for. No federal aid was available. It is also understood that the policy of the new commission will be that counties in which bond issues have been voted, and therefore can furnish aid, will be the first to be assisted by the commission. Little hope is entertained for any state aid, if this policy is adhered to, for at east two years to come. Many of the wealthier counties in the state have large amounts of money available for application as county aid.

Monday Wichita Falls Record-News carried a dispatch stating that in holding up the Montague-Wise county road construction the state highway commission is merely following out its policy of delaying all road work until the financial condition of the highway department can be accurately determined, it was learned Saturday. The Wichita Falls article continued:

"Dispatches from Austin printed on Friday morning said that the construction of the road, contract for which has been awarded the Plains Paving Company of Wichita Falls, is being held up temporarily. It is expected here that the highway, which closes the gap in the hard surfaced road between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, will be under construction as soon as funds are found available. In a statement to the Record-News Saturday, officials of the paving company pointed out that neither the legality of the award of the contract by the former commission nor the integrity of the contractors are involved in the suspension of the work, and that the new highway is assured.

"The previous highway commission advertised for bids for the surfacing of the road on the solicitation of the chambers of commerce at Decatur, Wichita Falls and Bowie, it was said. Bids were opened early in January and the contract awarded to the Plains Paving Company of Wichita Falls on its low bid. The contract was submitted to the attorney general, who gave it his approval. A subsequent house resolution calling for an investigation of the highway department and the awarding of the contract was withdrawn when it was found that the West Texas contract had been awarded to the low bidder after proper advertising of the bids."

Poultry Specialist Is to Speak in Decatur

Poultry raisers of all the county are reminded to hold in mind the anticipated visit to Decatur of Prof. W. H. Lapp, who will come here next month from Chicago to confer with poultrymen on all related subjects of the industry. Prof. Lapp is director of the research and development department of the Live Poultry Transit Company of Chicago. He is beyond question one of the most proficient men in his line in the country, and his conference with Wise county poultrymen will be something different from the usual order of things.

He will discuss the practical, commercial side of poultry raising—the money making side. Will talk about what the commercial market wants, how it wants it, how much and it will pay and how much each department can use. That is intrinsically practical and necessary information that must be supplied to those in position to raise poultry with money making success.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, which expects soon to be informed of the positive date when Prof. Lapp may be expected. Watch the Messenger for the date in March when the distinguished leader will be in Decatur.

CAR THIEF CAUGHT BY OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

A hankering to see his favorite actor in action in one of his rip-snortin' six reelers brought bad luck to P. G. Mast, about twenty-two years of age, and claiming Missouri as his native state, Wednesday night shortly after he had driven in town in the Pontiac coupe he had stolen in Eastland on Sunday afternoon.

Parking the car near the court house curbing, Mast went to the Majestic theater to see Hoot Gibson in one of his thrillers, and as he sat under the spell of Hoot's marvelous handling of shootin' arms, two officers from the sheriff's department, Deputy Sheriff George Young and Traffic Cap Paul Kennedy glided in and took seats near the stranger from Missouri. When Hoot quit bowling over bad Indians and villians, endeavoring to kidnap the motherless girl, Mast left the show house. When he left, the officers took leave also and when Mast approached his car the law's representatives laid hands on him.

He was taken before County Attorney F. A. Davenport and when accused of stealing the car, the young man confessed his guilt. He stated that he had driven from Cleburne, going to that town direct from Eastland, where the car was stolen. At Amarillo, Mast said he intended to "get rid" of the machine.

When searched he had five cents in his pocket. Mast presented a neat appearance, and when checked down in the sheriff's register he said: "I sure hate to have my name go down in that book."

Sheriff George Gage will take Mast's finger prints and see if he is an old offender, wanted for another crime.

Government May Make Cattle Loss Settlement

There is a report to the effect that the government is checking up on the stock losses of the late William Rush, pioneer dealer in cattle and horses, thru Indian depredations in the early days in this section, and it is said that the Rush family will probably be reimbursed for the losses suffered by the father.

Estimates, states a report from Washington, are in the neighborhood of $250,000, which will be divided between W. L. Rush and his two sisters.

Ranger Mourns Death of Capt. Steve Lillard

In honor of Steve A. Lillard Jr., whose death occurred Saturday in Dallas, the business life of Ranger stood still for one hour. At twelve o'clock all business houses were closed and remained closed until one o'clock in tribute to the man who was so [illegible] allied with Ranger's business [illegible].—Ranger Daily Times.

New Contract Is Made for Well at Greenwood

Messenger learns that a new contract has been made to sink the test well at Greenwood, which was spudded in some months ago. Owing to a misunderstanding in leases, the original contractors have been delaying the drilling of this well, but it is understood that a new contract has been made, which insures a prosecution of the drilling.

A car of fuel oil, ordered for the work has arrived in Decatur.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:35 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Messenger accepts advertising on the guarantee that it has more bona fide circulation than any other newspaper printed in Wise county; that its actual, bona fide subscription list is greater by three times than any other publication in Decatur. Books and records are open to advertisers.

Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

Captain E. W. Blythe was in Dallas Tuesday.

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Mrs. Sam Hill is visiting her parents in Whitesboro.

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A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was here first of the week.

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Attorney M. W. Burch was in Fort Worth on business.

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Sheriff George Gage was in Fort Worth on business.

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Henry Askey was in Dallas first of the week on business.

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Judge Tom Simmons and wife of Fort Worth, were here Sunday.

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Sam Hill was in Wichita Falls on business Tuesday and Wednesday.

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C. L. Christian has been sick for several days, the result of vaccination.

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A number of Decatur citizens are carrying sore arms this week, having been vaccinated.

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Miss Alma Sims and Miss Frances Collins will visit friends and relatives in Denton tomorrow.

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Mrs. H. E. Brady of Denver, Colorado, is here visiting Captain and Mrs. H. E. Brady and other relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bass of Fort Worth, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Captain S. A. Lillard.

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A. J. Ogle of Henrietta, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Ogle has many friends in Decatur, his old home, who were glad to see him.

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Judge F. O. McKinsey came over from Weatherford Monday to hold a two day session of his court and sign up orders. Several divorce cases were disposed of.

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Miss Jonnie May Stone, popular musician, and member of the Happy Four Orchestra, is taking a post graduate course in piano, under one of the the master instructors in Fort Worth.

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Walter Magers, representing a land company owning extensive interests in the Rio Grande valley, left with a party of sight seers for the great valley yesterday afternoon. A number of Wise county people were in the party.

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Cottondale land owners are waiting a drilling contract with a company that recently sent a representative into that section. It is said the Cottondale people have their holdings pooled, and in sufficient amount to attract reliable drilling outfits.

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Messenger acknowledges receipt of an invitation from the Wichita Daily Times to attend the opening of the Times' new building February 19th. The Wichita Falls Times is one of the best newspapers in Northwest Texas and is deserving of the splendid success it has made.

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J. T. Aaron of the Boyd section, was in the city on business this week. Mr. Aaron is one of the best known farmers in that section of the county; a man who believes in his county, and that conditions are favorable for a properous year. Mr. Aaron is one of the splendid citizens of the Boyd community, and he has many friends there and in Decatur neighborhood.

Mrs. Bettie Douglas of Fort Worth, was visiting friends here Sunday.

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Allen Rowan of Wichita Falls, visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowan here Thursday.

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C. E. Martin of Breckenridge, and J. J. Woody of Fort Worth, were here first of the week.

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Lex Steen, telephone man of Boyd, was in the city Tuesday on business.

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Robert Gibson, employe of a Dallas bank, was visiting relatives in the city Saturday and Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Rush and daughter, Miss Laura Sue, and Mrs. Conley Rush of Dallas, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Captain S. A. Lillard.

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Z-I-P parasite remover used in the drinking water rids your poultry of blue bugs, lice, fleas and other other insects. Sold under guarantee by the F. L. U. Store, Decatur.

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W. T. Cunningham has purchased a lot from Bob Tilghman on the Meridian Highway, in East Decatur. It is understood that Mr. Cunningham will erect an oil station on the property.

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Mrs. Washburn, an aged resident of the Boyd community, died Monday night at her home near the town of Boyd. Mrs. Washburn was seventy-eight years of age, and she had numerous friends thru-out that section of the county.

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Mrs. Willie D. Ratliff of Ada, Oklahoma, subscribing for the Messenger, writes: "Enclosed find check in payment for subscription to Messenger; always like to keep up with the old home town in 'Wonderful Wise.'" Before her marriage Mrs. Ratliff was Miss Willie D. Stegall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stegall, former citizens of Decatur.

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Norbert Sydow, well known and popular young man, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sydow, living north of town, has accepted a position with the Bell Telephone Company, with headquarters in Wichita Falls. He is in the clerical department, and reports say that he is making good in his new position. Young Sydow is a most likable fellow; steady and reliable. The big corporations make no mistake in selecting such young fellows as Sydow to assist in carrying on their work.

John Wood of Fort Worth, was here Sunday.

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T. C. Florida and wife of Greenwood, were here Wednesday.

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B. F. Mosier of Greenwood, was in the city Monday on business.

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Dr. L. H. Reeves and daughter, Miss Allah, of Fort Worth, visited friends here Sunday.

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Miss Everell Hill, Ted Golightly and Bait Sannin of Dallas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill Sunday.

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Mmes. Harry Gose, W. C. Milligan, Misses Florence Bellah, Bess Coleman, Julia Bellah and Sarah Mable Elder were in Fort Worth Sunday.

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Judge Chas. Fenwick of Oklahoma, was here this week, shaking hands with old friends. Judge Fenwick is one of the Sooner state's prominent legal lights.

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At a meeting of the Decatur high school board held Tuesday night, Miss Linnie Blewett was elected to take the place as instructor of Miss Buna Robertson, resigned. Other applicants for the position were Mrs. W. C. Shults, Mrs. B. A. Man, Mrs. Lester Bell and Miss Hortense Robertson.

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While attending medical lectures in New Orleans, Louisiana, recently, Dr. P. J. Fullingim met a former member of Captain Jim Gililland's command, Company H, a unit that served in the Spanish-American war, in the person of Horace Rucker, a relative of Captain H. E. Brady. "Rucker asked about you fellows who served with him and he extended an invitation to all to come and visit him in his home in the Crescent City. He is doing well and enjoying life," said Dr. Fullingim.

ANNUAL
SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND FAT STOCK SHOW
FORT WORTH MAR. 5—12
REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

Extra Milk from Checkerboard Bags

PURINA
COW CHOW FEED

HERE'S how sure we are that Cow Chow will make you more milk and make it at *less cost per pound!*

We will see that you get milk scales at *cost*, or we'll lend them to you, so you can weigh the exact amount of extra milk you get each day from Cow Chow. And what's more — we will give you some Record Blanks *free*, so you can see how much Cow Chow cuts your cost of *producing milk* each day! Isn't this a fair proposition? Phone us.

LILLARD MILLING COMPANY
DECATUR, TEXAS

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TEXAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
YOUR PUBLIC SERVANT
Service First--- ---Safety Always

AN ARRAY OF GREAT VALUES for Founders Week!

A&P ESTABLISHED 1859 "WHERE ECONOMY RULES"

Crisco 6 LB. PAIL 1.03

FAMILY	6 lbs.	12 lbs.	24 lbs.	48 lbs.
FLOUR	29	53	99	1.97

SWIFT'S JEWEL COMPOUND 8 PAIL LB. 98c

Folger's Coffee lb. 52c

SHREDDED WHEAT pkg. 10c

BIRD BRAND SHORTENING 8 lb. pail 92c

TENDER CRUSHED SUGAR CORN Stock Your Pantry Shelves at this Price 3 No. 2 cans 25c

NEW PACK PEAS Sweet and Tender 2 No. 2 cans 23c

TOMATOES 3 No. 2 cans 29c

BULK Compound 2 lbs. 23c

Cheese FANCY WISCONSIN DAISY lb. 29c

SOAP Palmolive	3 cakes 20c	P. & G. or Crystal W. SOAP	5 bars 17
Blue Rose RICE	2lbs. 15c	Van Camps' HOMINY	No. 2 can 7c No. 2½ can 10c
White House Evaporated MILK	Small 5c 10c	GOLD DUST	Small, 2 for 7c Large 25c
Toilet Paper Waldorff 2 rolls	13c	Scottissue Toilet Paper	roll 10c
Red Alaska SALMON	tall can 27c	SALMON	Chums 15c Pinks 17c
Van Camp's SAUER KRAUT	Medium 10c Large 13c	Campbell's Tomato Soup	3 cans 25c
Sweet, Meaty, Large Size PRUNES	2 lbs. 25c	Seeded or Seedless RAISINS	2 pkgs. 25c
Cliquot or Silver King GINGER ALE	bot. 17c	A. J. or Pillsbury Pancake Flour	2 pkgs. 25c
Log Cabin SYRUP	1s 24c 2¼s 49c	Del Monte ASPARAGUS TIPS	19c
NUCOA OLEO	lb. 25c	NUTLEY OLEO	lb. 19c
Standard Pack PEACHES	lge. can 19c	Broken Sliced PINEAPPLE	lge. can 23c
Baker's COCOA ½ lb. Can	23c	Hershey's COCOA	1-2-lb. can 15c
Blue Ribbon Malt Syrup	lge. can 68c	Del Monte PEACHES	lge. can 25c
CREAM MEAL	5s 15c 10s 30c	COFFEE Maxwell House	lb. 48c
Blue Ribbon MAYONNAISE	3½-oz 12c 8-oz 24c	Libby's Apple Butter	lge. can 23c
MATCHES Large boxes	2 for 9c	PEANUT BUTTER	lb. 19c
Marshallows	10-oz 25c Pound 29c	Hershey's Almond Bars	each 4c

CLOSING OUT

AT WHOLESALE COST

TO QUIT BUSINESS!

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I will place my two entire stocks of Dry Goods and Hardware on sale

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should mean much to the buying public of Wise and the adjoining counties. Such an opportunity as this seldom comes, which should be ample inducement for you to supply your needs, not only for the present---but for months to come!

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SOUTHWESTERN 50 TELEPHONES INDEPENDENT 45

Friday Morning, February 18, 1927

A lantern jawed man is not necessarily light headed.

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The channel cats are flopping in the streams in Wonderful Wise.

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A little more property rendition, Mayor Ward; the old machine can not function with the present limited supply of oil.

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A Kentucky woman, who is the mother of nineteen children, is suing for a divorce. It took her a long time to find out that she had married the wrong man.

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Governor Moody has made one mistake in making appointments; when he refused to give that game commissioner's plum to the Decatur applicant he fell short.

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Senator Tom Love's amnesty bill has hit a snag in the shape of a number of Jim Ferguson's admirers. One senator was so cruel as to refer to the Dallas senator's measure a political propaganda.

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What about the seven miles of bad road on the Thirty-Ninth Highway, west from Decatur, gentlemen of the commissioners' court? What is to be done toward building this small strip of a perfectly good highway?

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A Dallas man left Los Angeles, California, the other day with $28,000 in currency. Soon after leaving the California city he disappeared. A few days later a bag of money was found near a public road in New Mexico. Dallas friends of the missing man have instituted an investigation.

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"Absent minded" would be the mildest term we could use to apply to a man who would lay all material in his furnace and neglect to apply a match. But the merchant who fills his store with goods and does not advertise has the disease in a more dangerous form.

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Men are just like hogs, however distasteful this may sound to the hogs. When a hog gets an ear of corn every other hog will trot along behind him and squeal and whine and bed and toady for a bite, but just let the front hog get in a tight, with his head fast in a crack and every son of a sow will jump on him and tear him to pieces. And it's just so with men. As long as a man is properous and has plenty of money he can't keep friends off with a baseball bat; but the moment he is unfortunate and his wealth is gone he is not only snubbed by his alleged friends but they at once begin to do him all the harm possible. When a man starts up grade the world falls in behind and pushes. When he starts down grade the world steps to one side and greases the track.—Exchange.

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Steve Lillard, Jr.

The following tribute was paid Steve A. Lillard Jr. by the Ranger Daily Times, when the news of his death in Dallas reached that town:

"Steve A. Lillard is dead. Another empire builder has gone to join the innumerable throng on that other shore from whence no traveler has ever returned. Altho a young man, his years were spent in usefulness to his country, his town and his friends. He was one of the younger business men of the country who had a vision. He was ever loyal to his friend. He was a worthy son of a worthy sire. The son of a man who has done more than any other man in Wise county to uplift and develop it agriculturally, its minerals and its churches and schools. Steve Lillard was of the same calibre. From the time he set foot in Ranger until called he was ever on the lookout and helped in the development of this town. He was the father of many moves that are worthy. He always responded when called upon to aid in every worthy cause, and gave both his valuable time and money to aid them.

"In business he was an honest and square business man, demanding that which is right and just and dealing out justice. He was ever willing to aid a friend. He was indeed a friend and always went to the rescue of a friend in need.

"To him, the honest, tho they were poor, were king of men. He always looked for the man and the character.

"In his death Texas loses a worthy citizen; Ranger a town builder and leader; his immediate family a loving and kind father; and his parents a worthy son and brother."

Advertising.

An advertiser, Lane Medicine Company, with headquarters in Mansfield, Ohio, writes the Messenger an honest-to-goodness confession when solicited to pay a little advertising account. The master mind of the company, George L. Lane, takes his pen in hand and writes:

"Gentlemen:, I am ashamed to admit, but I must admit that I made the mistake of placing so many ads I can not now pay. Returns so slow; I can not give what I do not have. Impossible, but will do the best I can. Pay just as soon as possible."

If Mr. Lane had selected his advertising mediums with care, after an investigation of the publications' bona fide circulation, and had patronized only those papers that had a real subscription list, he would not today be "ashamed to admit" his inability to pay his advertising account. There are too many weekly newspapers in the country that are not worth a red copper cent as advertising mediums; too many claiming circulations they can not produce if called to do so by the advertiser. Too many carry padded lists—delinquents who publicly state they would not pay a dime a year for the paper.

Mr. Lane came to grief because he did not investigate newspaper circulation; had all his publications "come clean" with him and contracted for his advertising on bona fide circulation, as the Messenger did, his company would have met its accounts promptly.

The newspaper that takes the advertiser's money under a false-statement of circulation is little better than the common hold-up institution. The editor who claims twelve or fifteen hundred subscribers, when his books will show his publication hasn't one-fourth that number, should herd with stick-up men. Until a law is passed, making it a stiff finable offense for a newspaper man to lie about his paper's circulation, the popular publications will suffer along with the inferior papers.

In Decatur, there is only one newspaper with a bona fide subscription list; the Messenger is the only publication in Decatur with an actual honest-to-goodness paid-up subscription list; no free list, no delinquents. Five times more readers than any other paper published in its home town.

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The recent grand jury, in its final report to Judge McKinsey, recommended that an auditing of the county's books be made. It is understood the comptroller's department will assist.

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A member of the recent grand jury states that he has been in the county a-goin' on fifty-five years, and he thought he had a fair knowledge of what has been going on in the county. A sitting or two with the jury convinced him that he knows nothing whatever concerning the times and the people's doings. "Conditions, I tell you, are startling; what I heard concerning the conduct of some of our young boys and girls was an eye opener for me," he stated.

On the Street

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should tell our sheriff and he will look after it. If the authorities will delegate the sheriff or a deputy from his office to take care of such characters in the city they will be taught a lesson and a bad condition will be corrected. Something should be done."

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DR. C. G. COMEGYS of McKinney, is the new member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College. He was named by Governor Dan Moody to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth. Dr. Comegys, according to press dispatches, is vice president of the First National Bank of McKinney, president of the Collin county bankers institute and identified with many business institutions of his home city. Editor of the Messenger and George (Baldy) Comegys were boys together in Denton, and with the mention of his name we can see with our mind's eye the ol' swimmin' hole down in the Carroll pasture; the meets nightly of the Oak street gang of boys, and the battles we staged with bois d'arc balls. And, down the street lived Mr. Gum Greenlee, proud possessor of a palatial home, but who positively refused to grade the street in front of his residence. 'Member, Baldy, how we would equip miniature boats and float them on the puddle of water in that street, with placards, "Boats to let, by Gum?" And the discovery by Mr. Greenlee; then the residents of Oak street would be treated to one of the most vociferous cussin' sprees a swearing man could stage. But, that's that, George; congratulations; Governor Moody has selected very wisely.

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AM ENCLOSING clippings, which I trust will be at least of passing interest to you. Am making some progress in the real estate business in Amarillo, and we are looking forward to do some big things in the spring and summer," writes Mrs. J. Gladney Short of Amarillo, to a Decatur friend. The clippings were taken from an Amarillo newspaper; one a picture of Mrs. Short and one of her partners, Mrs. Carrie W. Downing, of the Sorrells'Short Realty Company; the second clipping is a list of bargains the ladies are offering home seekers. Mrs. Short will be remembered by Decatur people, as she was a prominent resident of the town for many years—as school teacher and club member. "There seems to be no limit in the oil development in this section."

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EDGAR BLEWETT, prominent grain dealer in Fort Worth, was here Sunday. "This is my first visit to Decatur in more than twenty years," he said to a Messenger reporter. "My business calls me to other sections of the state. I remember many of the old timers and it seems that the old town has been steadily improving. I have always thought that the best people on earth live in Decatur, and I suppose that I will always consider it my old home town," Mr. Blewett said. He is son of the late George Blewett, prominent land owner and cattle dealer in Decatur in the long ago. The Blewett family moved from Decatur to Denton, where Mr. Blewett engaged in the banking business, being one of the original stock holders in the Denton County National Bank.

ANNUAL
SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND FAT STOCK SHOW
FORT WORTH
MAR. 5—12
REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, February 12, 1887.

John Brady of Baldwin, Kansas, is visiting his brother, Judge Brady, of this place.

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Jim Couch, an old and well known citizen of this county, died on Thursday of last week.

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There has been some excitement recently of the discovery of platinum near the Rosenburg mill.

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It is said our county will get four hundred and fifty dollars worth of seed from the congressional appropriation for Texas.

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The famous Jim Courtwright was shot and killed last Tuesday night near the White Elephant saloon in Fort Worth by Luke Short, a sportsman.

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Sheriff Mann passed thru Rhome on February 5th enroute to Fort Worth with two prisoners, supposed to be the men who robbed the Denver train in December.

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On last Tuesday evening Deputy Marshal North killed a two-year-old steer in a vacant house on East Main street that had shown symptoms of hydrophobia.

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A stern policeman grasped an intoxicated gentleman by the shoulder.

"Here, you, come along with me," he commanded.

"Nope," retorted the inebraited one with decision. "I'm sup'stitious 'bout takin' walks with cops. Ever' time I ever took a walk with a cop I got locked up. But—hic—Thank you jush th' shame."

Too Much "Acid?"

Excess Uric Acid Gives Rise to Many Unpleasant Troubles.

AUTHORITIES agree that an excess of uric acid is primarily due to faulty kidney action. Retention of this toxic material often makes its presence felt by sore, painful joints, a tired, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backache and headache. That the kidneys are not functioning right is often shown by scanty or burning passage of secretions. Thousands assist their kidneys at such times by the use of *Doan's Pills*—a stimulant diuretic. *Doan's* are recommended by many local people. ***Ask your neighbor!***

DOAN'S PILLS 60c

Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys

Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

"How long do you want to enlist for?" asked the recruiting sarge.

"Duration," replied the applicant.

"Duration? They ain't no war."

"War, hell! Duration of peace!"

The ground in Siberia freezes to a depth of one hundred feet.

Maybe the news expression, "[illegible] robber," needs a question mark after it. That depends upon the police department.—Savannah News.

A Swedish castle built in 1499 contained a central heating plant in the basement with conduits thru the walls.

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
DALLAS HOUSTON
LONE STAR
PORTLAND CEMENT
94 LBS. NET

Signed by the- Chief Chemist!

From carefully selected raw materials to finished Lone Star Cement, the Chemist controls the process of manufacture. His word is law; the last trace of guesswork has been eliminated in the manufacture of this super-quality product.

Every bag of Lone Star Cement is covered by a written guarantee. A plain, honest guarantee without any "ifs" or "buts". The chief chemist signs the guarantee because he has proven the super-quality of the product.

Next time you are in the neighborhood come into our office and see the certificate which guarantees the super-quality of the cement that goes on your job.

C. D. SHAMBURGER
LUMBER COMPANY

East Main Street Decatur, Texas

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
LONE STAR
CEMENT

Lone Star Cement is made by the
Texas Portland Cement Company
Dallas-Houston, Texas
Subsidiary of International Cement Corporation

February 22nd.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S birthday—We pause in respect to the memory of that great father of Independence.

Independence—what a wonderful thing for our country.

How the ringing of the Liberty bell must have gladdened the hearts of our forefathers!

INDEPENDENCE—PROSPERITY

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
S. A. LILLARD, President
Decatur, Texas

Would You Do This?

IF YOU owned a Ford business, and a man like you came in to see about terms on a car, would you let him walk away, or would you make it possible for him to DRIVE out?

Now we are just as eager for business as you would be, and just as much inclined to help any honest man own a Ford car.

We will make any terms, within the bounds of good business, that are required in any case to fit a man's pocketbook.

We've made it possible, and even easy, for literally thousands of people to own Ford Cars who never really thought they could.

Regardless of where you live or what you do, we invite you to come in and talk with us about terms that you can meet. We don't believe there is any need for you to wait another day. It is much easier for you to pay while you ride than it is to save while you walk.

Decatur Motor Co.
"Complete Automotive Service"
N. Trinity Street : : : Decatur, Texas

FARM SHORT COURSES IN FOUR COMMUNITIES

Week of farm meetings to be conducted in four county communities the first week in March, under name of the farm short course, is apt to encounter a busy season if the weather [illegible]ir enough and the ground is in rig[illegible] condition to be worked. The attendance may be cut somewhat on that account. It is anticipated, however, that these meetings are going to prove attractive to that large group of farm people who have become seriously concerned to learn more about the great industry in which they are engaging themselves.

New and valuable facts are coming to light all the while in respect to farming in the same way that new developments are emerging in all our human industries. Doctors, lawyers, dentists and the practitioners of all professions, as well as business men, bankers and industrial managers, dare not fail in these days of rapid changes and progress to keep step with what is going forward in their professions. That is the reason for the holding of the unbroken stream of meetings, conventions, schools and gatherings of every description. Men attend these to learn the latest facts about the callings they are engaged in and from which they gain their livlihood. The farmer is in the same boat. Neither can he afford to neglect opportunities to learn more about his business. The truth is that no other calling demands more in the way of efficiency, preparation and understanding than does the industry of agriculture on the part of those who are engaged in it.

For this reason, regardless of how busy a farmer may be, he can well afford to take the day off and attend at least one of these all day farm meetings when they come along. Qualified men are going to be there to each and demonstrate in the knowledge that will prove valuable to those who will come and learn.

Another consideration is that there [illegible]ll be no expense attached other than [illegible] obligation of each to provide his [illegible]n lunch. Members of other pro[illegible]sions are obliged to pay transporta[illegible] and other charges, and often a [illegible] to the instructor for knowledge [illegible]ed; while for the occasion of [illegible]se county farm schools the only cost will be the gas to get to the location of the meeting and the noon meal.

It is announced by the county agent, [illegible] C. Jameson, home demonstration [illegible]t, Miss Alma Sims, and Decatur [illegible]mber of commerce, which will spon[illegible] the meetings, that probably six extension specialists and experts from Texas A. & M. College and the Fort Worth & Denver railroad will conduct the prpograms, giving out instruction and demonstrations in the major departments in which he people have an interest.

A strong department will be that which appeal to women and girls, sub[illegible]s dealing with the main interest of the home, to be handled by one of the leading woman specialists of A. & M. College.

Dates and places of the meetings are as follows: Tuesday, March 1st, at Red Willow consolidated school, in the western part of the county; Wednesday, March 2nd, Lawrence Goodger's farm, about two miles northeast of Boyd; Thursday, March 3rd, Ed Pas[illegible]ll's farm, about one mile east of [illegible]idgeport on the Cuba road; Friday, March 4th, C. C. McDaniel's farm, near Greenwood. Meetings will begin at ten o'clock a. m. and last thru-out the day at each location. Leading agents for adaptable tools and implements will furnish latest machinery for construction in the terracing part of the short courses.

Memories.

[illegible] an old cobble-stone school house
 not far away,
Sat an old, white headed teacher with
 his country students gay;
With great knowledge he was trying
 hard indeed
To show them how to sow the seed
 with his training their future life
 lead.
And he told them of the morrow that
 may be crowded with sorrow,
When the veil is swept away;
Of life's book, with hidden meaning,
 while on earth he is but screaming
But O the truth it will display.
[illegible] wandered to that old school ground
 and sat beneath the tree—
Near the same little town, where we
 were all care-free;
That old school house is torn down
 and the stones are rolled away,
And some of the ones we used to see
 died forty years ago,
But time and tide wait for on man!
Where is now that merry party. I remember, long ago,
Laughing round the Christmas fire,
 brightened by its rudy glow?
They have all dispersed and wandered
 far away, far away!
But one land-mark still stands as a
 jewel in fit setting—
With its rich back-ground of flowers,
[illegible] wish I were gifted—I would take the
 perfume from those flowers and
 with thie consecrated life of this
 man,
Who has gone on before us, thru marriage, was my first ideal wedding
 [illegible] the old Indian post at Jacksboro,
[illegible]th the long, cross shaped table,
 laden with dainty sweets;
[illegible]en could not describe the dainty bride
 and groom and the pleasure of
 that trip. —Ida Battle Turner,
4318 Bowser Street, Dallas, Texas.

Letters from the People

Booster for New Mexico.

Messenger Editors.—I am a reader of your paper, tho I live many miles away. I was born and reared in Wise county, and am the son of Col. W. J. Mann. I was named after Judge J. W. Patterson who used to be county judge of Wise county.

I drifted west and landed in this neck of the woods seven years ago. Will say I found this to be a fine country, with plenty of room, as it is not crowded with cotton farms yet. It is a good farming country and is excellent for stock raising. Some of our cattle are now fat enough for beef and have not been fed any this winter.

I have just received the Messenger dated January 28th, and noticed in it accounts of the death of two more old time pioneer citizens, which I regret, but they seem to be passing on to their rewards pretty fast. There are just a few of the old pioneers left to tell their stories now. I also noticed there is some oil excitement in dear old Wise county, which I am glad to hear. There is quite a bit of wild-catting in these parts, and we heard today that oil had been struck near Boyce City, Oklahoma, which is about a hundred miles north of here. And to the southeast of us, at Romero, Texas, conditions look favorable for oil. Of course that is still in the Lone Star state, but surely just a five wire fence which marks the line between Texas and New Mexico would make no difference in the oil formations under old mother earth.

I for one am a booster for New Mexico. We have good roads, good schools, good churches and the best climate you ever lived in; atmosphere is pure and is not filled with malaria such as is found in the east.

I do not know just why I am writing this, but I think it is because I want to show my appreciation for the Messenger by writing a few lines. Getting the Messenger is like receiving a letter from home, and it affords me great pleasure to read it. Keep the good old paper coming.—J. Pat Mann, Amistad, New Mexico.

The Dr. Norris Issue.

It is not the purpose to discuss Dr. Norris here, except incidentally. He is not the real issue. The issue is the principles involved that have brought him into the limelight. It is important that we make proper distinction between men and measures. If there is sin in the life of a man, let him be saint or otherwise, let us hate the sin but love the sinner. This is the spirit of Christ. It is human to err but divine to forgive.

Dr. Norris is a type of man that makes many enemies, while at the same time, has a host of friends and sympathizers. By his enemies he is considered a disturber of the peace and has made mistakes. Who that has accomplished anything worth while has not made mistakes? By what standard should we judge men and their works? The Scriptures tell us, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

For eighteen years he has been in his present pastorate, battling all manner of sin and "wickedness in high places." His work has gone forward by leaps and bounds, even over the bitterest of opposition. The leaders of the evil forces have left nothing undone in their effort to destroy him and drive him off the field. How do we account for his unprecedented success? Will any presume to say his work is spurious, only superficial, or that it is due to his sensational methods? Then give us more sensational preaching. It is the judgment of this humble scribe that the Gospel he preaches is as sound as that proclaimed by Paul, who puts such stress upon the importance of "sound doctrine."

What are some of the fruits of his ministry? He has one of the largest churches in our nation and, it is claimed, the largest Sunday school in the world. Since the unfortunate tragedy that occurred in July more than a thousand members have been added to his church, and on the first Sunday after his acquittal more than one hundred and fifty were received into their fellowship. All his services are evangelistic and great numbers are being saved. Should we not be slow to condemn a work like this, to lay hands on a man whom the Lord is so manifestly using? Let us beware, and give heed to the wise counsel of Gamaliel the Pharisee, to the persecutors of the apostles and the churches: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone, for if this work is of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye can not overthrow it, lest ye be found fighting against God."

To mention a few things that have stirred the bitter opposition to this pastor evangelist: He has all these years been in the forefront of the militant forces against what the Bible terms "the world, the flesh and the devil." He lead the fight against horse racing and gambling at our Dallas Fair, and succeeded in its overthrow; took up the fight in his own city against the pool halls and the wicked dives of immorality in the so-called "red light district." He fought for the elimination of the false theory of evolution from the text books of our tax supported schools, which theory denies the Genesis account of creation and teaches that man is a descendant of the monkey or other wild beasts of the jungle.

He is ever on the trail of the bootlegger and the rum-runner, and has faithfully and boldly withstood the powers of the demons from the pit, who have combined their forces to bring the cause of prohibition into disrepute and destroy it. In all this he has demonstrated that he is the real friend to our boys and girls and to the suffering women and children who have been the victims of the accursed liquor traffic and other demoralizing influences.

Again referring to his work as a minister: He believes the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation is God's Word, and that it was "given by inspiration of God," spoken by holy men of old "as the Spirit gave them utterance." Let it here be said, in these latter days many do not so accept the scriptures. Especially is this true in the north.

Formerly the Ingersolls, the Tom Paynes, Spencers and Huxleys openly and from the outside denounced christianity as a delusion, and the Bible as a fable and the work of men; but in these latter days the devil has fallen upon a more effective plan to deceive and overthrow the faith of the unsuspeting. This class of infidels and false leaders are now filling many of the leading pulpits of the north, and are teachers in their Bible schools and theological seminaries. They are "wolves in sheep's clothing," "ministers of satan appearing as angels of light." On that field these ministers of the powers of darkness, have made such rapid progress of late years they are now aggressive and defiant. They deny every fundamental principle of the christian religion from the inspiration of the scriptures, the virgin birth and deity of Christ, to the atoning merit of His shed blood for the redemption of lost men. Let us beware and not conclude that our beloved southland is immune from the curse and blight of this satanic doctrine. Their leaders have covetous eyes upon our field for exploitation.

It is Dr. Norris' aggressive fight against this bragging, boasting Philistine, Goliath, known as "modernism," that has brought on his opposition from many of our leaders in the religious realm, they regarding him as a disturber of the peace, not believing his manner of attack upon this evil justified by the facts.

But under existing conditions can we afford to cry, "Peace, peace," when a deadly, destructive enemy is at our door, seeking to destroy that which is more precious to us than our life's blood, which priceless inheritance cost the Son of God His agony in Gethsemane and his suffering and death on Calvary? Did our United States keep the peace when the wicked ambitions of a foreign potentate moved him to seek to enslave and subject all other nations and peoples to his domination?

John the Baptist and all the apostles were by a certain class regarded as disturbers of the peace. They brought on trouble everywhere they went; were persecuted, beaten, jailed, suffering all sorts of indignities, and finally martyrdom. They did not hesitate to say, "Thou art the man." The Bible tells us that it is our business to "destroy the works of the devil." Fallible, erring men is the only agency employed by God for this responsible, glorious task. We are also told, "All that will live godly shall suffer persecution." An easy, peaceful time is not promised God's faithful messengers. Just the opposite.

These days, as it seems, the devil is in a rage, exceedingly mad. When were there ever so many brutal murders? Robberies, bribery, greed and graft on every hand. Human life is no more to these bloody assassins than that of a dog. And the present generation seems to be obsessed with the false idea that the chief purpose of life is to have a so-called good time. We are going wild after the sports and entertainments of the day. Will we call a halt? Let us be warned by the fate of Greece, Rome and Babylon who played, sported and revelled themselves into destruction.

In view of these conditions, are not God's ministers who are set as "watchmen on the wall," who are admonished to "cry aloud and spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their sins"—are they not justified in making John the Baptist assaults upon the strongholds of satan, even tho it does stir up strife and disturb the peace? Passive or soft pedal methods will not accomplish the most in these days of real warfare against the determined forces of perdition. Christ Himself said, I came not to bring peace upon the earth, but a sword; "suppose ye that I come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay, but rather division."—J. E. Boyd.

Hon. Cato Sells to Talk on Enforcement of Law

Hon. Cato Sells of Fort Worth, commissioner of Indian affairs during the administration of Woodrow Wilson, will deliver an address on the third Sunday in March at the Methodist church in Decatur on "Law Enforcement and the Crime Wave."

Judge Sells is one of the great men of our nation and the patriotic citizens of Texas fully appreciate him.

Other churches in the city will dismiss their congregations on that day so they may attend and listen to the address on this timely issue.

Building operations in the United States during 1926 were the largest in history, totaling approximately seven billion dollars, according to published statistics.

Eight Million Dollars in State Treasury Feb. 1st

Balance in the state treasury at Austin at the close of business on January 31st was $8,836,059, according to a statement by Treasurer W. G. Hatcher. The balance to credit of the general revenue fund was $1,945,078.

Balances in other important funds were given as: Available school fund, $2,611,433; permanent school fund, $480,739; highway fund, $2,718,803; prison commission fund, $100,000; text book fund, $312,362; special game fund, $404,773; federal vocation fund, $95,801; available University of Texas fee fund, $229,742; permanent University of Texas fund, $25,026; University of Texas building fund, $38,702.

An educational campaign is being conducted in the Phillipines which has for its aim the wiping out of illiteracy in five years.

ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND FAT STOCK SHOW
FORT WORTH MAR. 5—12
REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

Here I Am!
Now It's Up To You.

I am a baby chick just out of the egg. Nature has filled my little bread basket with enough food to last 72 hours. Then it's up to you.

If you feed me a dirty mash or table scraps, I'll probably die.

But if you start me on Purina Chick Startena and feed me according to the Purina Plan, the chances are nine to one that I'll grow up and make you money.

Don't feed me anything for 72 hours. Then start me on Purina Chick Startena, the dependable starting mash containing buttermilk and cod liver oil.

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PEAS	California Black Eye	4 lbs.	24c
BREAD	Walker's Big Dandy—Every day in the Week—per loaf		8c

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County Pioneer Died at Alvord on Wednesday

A. T. Scott, one of the pioneer citizens of the Jonestown community, northwest of Decatur, died Wednesday in Alvord, following a few days' illness. Mr. Scott was trading in Alvord when he was stricken. His condition was so bad that he could not be removed to his home, and Wednesday he passed away. The remains were taken to Jonestown, and Wednesday afternoon funeral services and burial were held in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Mr. Scott had been a resident of that community for a long number of years, and he was held in the highest respect by all who knew him.

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ENGLISH White Leghorn cockerels at bargain prices; eggs set each Tuesday and hatchings of baby chicks coming each Thursday.—DECATUR WHITE LEGHORN RANCH. (1-tf)

FOUR 400-egg Queen incubators for sale; double decked, automatic egg turners; good condition and priced reasonably.—BOYD POULTRY FARM Boyd, Texas. (2-tf)

FOR SALE each week—Baby chicks from prize winning and bred to lay Rhode Island reds. 15 cents up. Write from mating list. Custom hatching solicited.—BOYD POULTRY FARM. Boyd, Texas. (2-tf)

FOR SALE—One six-foot McCormick binder, with tongue trucks; will sell at bargain.—J. H. GENTRY, Decatur, Texas. (7)

FORD Coupe—1925 model in splendid running condition; balloon tires; good paint job; seat recovers, etc. This car guaranteed as represented; must be sold and is priced to sell quick; cash or terms. If interested call or write this office for demonstration.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I have a number of farms from eighty acres up in West Texas to trade or sell; also residences and business houses well located; new apartment house, with twenty-eight rooms, small debt, doing good business, in Lubbock, to deal for good residence in Decatur, an A-1 piece of property. If you want to go to West Texas this is the time.—J. W. BAILEY, Decatur, Texas. (8)

GOOD SEED OATS for sale. See GEORGE DONALD, at Beliah Variety Store, Decatur. (7)

FOR SALE—Jersey bull and eight head sheep.—ERNEST GILLILAND, Decatur. (7)

FO RSALE OR TRADE for cows or heifers, three good work mules.—D. B. GILLILAND, Decatur, Texas. (9)

RHODE ISLAND RED eggs for setting; sixteen for 75 cents or $3.50 per 100.—H. A. MASON, Ind. phone, route two, Decatur, Texas. (8)

FOR SALE—Plenty of good, heavy seed oats, clear of Johnson grass; also good corn. Phone S. W. 2 or see A. E. VAN METER, Decatur. (7)

FOR SALE—Big golden buff orpington cockerels, February hatch; high egg laying strain; $1.50 each.—J. H. WILLIAMSON, Decatur, Texas. (7)

STANDARD bred single comb Rhode Island Reds; large, rich dark reds, bred for exhibition quality and high egg production; leading winners at the poultry and egg shows. Owen Farm strain and [illegible] strain, bred separately. Hatching eggs $2.50 per 15, $8.00 and $10.00 per 100. Quality chicks, 18c and 25c each. Place orders ahead for delivery. Satisfaction guaranteed.—MRS. S. B. PEARSON. (9)

FOR SALE—Bush & Gerts piano; in good condition; bargain.—MRS. H. W. SMITH, North Trinity street, Decatur, Texas. (7)

FOR LEASE

FOR LEASE—A farm to lease on halves; 4 miles north of Decatur. See me at once. W. H. STROUD. (7)

WANTED.

WANTED—George C. Busey at Seven-Wire pasture, west of Decatur, wants to buy some Jersey heifers, under two years of age. Phone him by Ind. phone or see him at ranch. (8)

WANTED—To trade for White Leghorn hens, cows or yearlings—one Wegman piano, one Chicago Cottage organ and one good Singer sewing machine, all in A-1 condition.—D. A. machine, good saddle; all in A-1 condition.—D. A. SHINN, Decatur. (7)

WANTED—About fifty head of stock to graze on wheat pasture; good grazing, $1.00 per month; nine miles east of Decatur.—RUFUS PITTS, route six, Decatur. (7)

WANTED—Good second hand buggy with top; also harness.—JOE HOLT, Decatur. (7)

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Poland China pig, seven weeks old. Notify W. A. GILL. (7)

LOST—License car plate No. 984,000; please return to WALLACE BRADY, in court house. (7)

PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR FIFTH MONTH

Following is the honor roll for the Decatur public schools for month ending February 11th:

Miss Hogg's first grade—Claude Blackburn, H. M. Helm, S. T. Frank and Eva Burton; second grade—Alf Brown, Ercheal Evans, Rex A. Gage, C. B. Hoyl, Silas Leon Morris, Owen Tom Shaw, John Simmons, Marshall Stepp, Mary Ann Green, Ethel Richter and Elizabeth Lobdell.

Miss Reeves' first grade—William Sensibaugh, Collin Young, Emma Faye Montgomery; second grade—Martha Virginia Belew, Ruby Clay, Lottie May Groves, Mildred Taylor, Willie Maud Woody, Walter Bellah, R. H. Dillehay and Woodrow Starnes.

Mrs. Caveness' second grade—Tom Patterson, Watson Clifton, J. Warren Lillard, Thomas Whitecotton, E. B. Blackburn, Callie Mae Canada; third grade—John Hopper.

Miss Ford's third grade—Lucy Lee Mann; fourth grade—Burns Buttrill, J. Earl Douglass, Zack Lillard, Billie Tilghman, Noice Verner, Mary Ruth Patton, Jaunita Stepp, Norma Taylor and Edna Jo Walker.

Miss Robertson's third grade—Fred Mooney, Irma Murrell, Modena New; fourth grade—Miller Ferguson, Mary Ruth Pounds, Juanell Dickson, Maxine Longmire, Lydia Alice Maidens, Elizabeth Bell and Beatrice Roach.

Miss Stokes' fourth grade—Juanita Clay; fifth grade—J. B. Brown, Lory D. White, Walter Ray Kerr, Norbett Moore, Zulene Rosenburg.

Miss Kerr's fourth grade—A. D. Reeves, Emma Lynn Gill, Willie H. Mayes and Frances Green; sixth grade—Movelda Rhine.

Miss Harding's seventh grade—Bess McMordie, Virginia Patterson, Verna Toland, Irene Wilkerson, Vera Lee Evans, Wendell Rogers, Crawford Buttrill and Ralph Dodson.

Miss Roberts' first grade—R. M. Finley, Henry Glen Hilton, Dorothy Pearl Bramlett, Annetta Lacey, Ruth Mooney, Ila Smith, Edna Bill Taylor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

About four thousand dollars was subscribed last Sunday morning to the conquest campaign. It is hoped that subscription will amount to five thousand before the campaign is over.

Rev. J. Walton Moore, a returned missionary from China, will preach next Sunday morning, and the pastor will preach at seven-thirty p. m.

The choir rendered some very fine special music last Sunday. A large congregation was present at the evening service.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Many Eastland County Friends Attend Funeral

Those attending the funeral here on Sunday of Steve A. Lillard Jr. from Ranger, Cisco and Eastland were: Raymond Teal, J. D. Sullivan, G. A. Murphy, C. A. Love, John Thurman, C. E. May, E. H. Mills, Dr. A. L. Duffer, C. H. Suits, A. J. Ratliff, J. A. Dennis, M. B. Cook, J. E. Matthews, Louis Fleck, J. D. Gholson, Ed Maher, Ray Newham, West Marchbanks, V. V. Cooper, Harry Houston, W. R. Bowden, Jerome McLester, Walter Harwell, R. L. Hodges, Vernon Deffebach, Ray Campbell, R. V. Galloway, M. H. Hagaman, C. C. Patterson, Wallace Davis, P. F. Rust, L. Davis, G. C. Barkley, C. C. Moorman, J. T. Gullahorn, L. H. Flewellen, J. C. Smith, Edwin George, T. V. Terrell, S. P. Boon, I. J. Killough and Mrs. Killough, D. J. Moss, R. Q. Lee and Mrs. Lee, William McAfee.

Rev. Head of Poolville visited his grandson, Floyd Head here Friday. Rev. Head was pastor here fifty years ago, being one of the first pastors of the First Baptist Church established in Decatur.

L. B. Barker of Rhome was in this city Thursday.

SICKLY, PEEVISH CHILDREN

Children suffering from intestinal worms are cross, restless and unhealthy. There are other symptoms, however. If the child is pale, has dark rings under the eyes, bad breath and takes no interest in play, it is almost a certainty that worms are eating away its vitality. The surest remedy for worms is White's Cream Vermifuge. It is positive destruction to the worms but harmless to the child. Price 35c. Sold by

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Ousted Legislator Will Be a Candidate Again

H. H. Moore, ousted member of the Texas legislature, has returned to his home in Cooper, and after conferences with a number of his friends in Delta county, has announced that he is a candidate for re-election at the election to be held March 5th.

Moore said that he "had faithfully represented his district," and that he "had been the victim of a frame-up by special interests" and that he would wage a vigorous campaign before the people whom he has represented.

His friends have arranged for his opening gspeech to be made at Cooper Saturday afternoon.

Mmes. W. T. Green, Tom Leonard and Thurmond Hudnall of Rhome, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of S. A. Lillard Jr.

Roy Stocks Selected as Local C. of C. Director

Roy Stocks, leading breeder of pure bred Jersey cattle and leading dairy farmer, was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors of the local chamber of commerce Monday night. Mr. Stocks is one of the leading Jersey breeders of Texas, owns a federal accredited herd of outstanding quality and conducts a successful dairy, and is expected t omake a useful member of the chamber of commerce.

Just at present he is doing the rather unusual thing of conducting his dairy enterprise on feeds produced on his farm almost exclusively.

Ray Reed of Fort Worth, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Douglas of Rhome, visited relatives here Sunday.

Oscar Shaw Has Lead in "Upstage," Feature

Films have captured another footlight favorite. Oscar Shaw, leading man for the past two years in Sam Harris' and Irving Berlin's "Music Box Review," plays the male lead opposite Norma Shearer in "Upstage," which will be the screen feature at the Majestic here next Thursday and Friday nights.

The story, which is an original of vaudeville life written by Walter De Leon, demanded a leading man of the George M. Cohan "song and dance" type, and after a canvass of New York stage it was decided that Shaw would best fill the part.

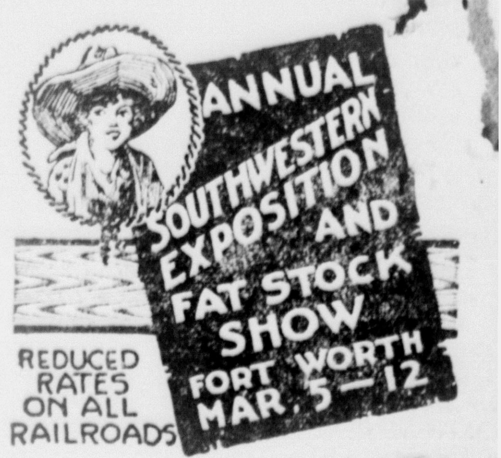
Monta Bell directed this new starring vehicle for Miss Shearer.

Rev. J. C. Boyd and wife of Fort Worth, were Decatur visitors Sunday.

C. V. Terrell of Austin, attended the funeral of Steve Lillard here Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Tyson was in Bowie this week on business.

Miss Ruby Tyson visited friends in Fort Worth last week.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We have the new modes to fit your moods. Coats have adapted an air of unequalled smartness, and we have for your selection the best of fabrics, the most beautiful colors and finest qualities. These are coats that will be in fashion anywhere. Plain colors and plaids and checks are all represented in this showing — best values to be had anywhere.

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Spring Modes in Footwear

Featuring the latest modes to arrive at this store—the newest creations in the shoe making industry, all at unusually low prices considering the quality. Rose blush, parchment and patent are about equally good for spring, and you will find it will pay you to shee our stock before you buy —$4.95, $6.00 and $6.50.

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From Phoenix and Van Raalte we have secured new hosiery of popular texture in shades and styles to be worn for every occasion, with every costume. A very wide range of colors has been secured, insuring you a perfect match for your shoes or costume. Reasonable range of prices—$1.00, $1.50, $1.95 and $2.50.

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LILLARD GOES TO GER BANKING FIRM

Lillard of Bridgeport, former man and banker of Decatur, ceeded his nephew, the late A. Lillard,Jr., as active vice esident of the Ranger State Bank, dispatch from Ranger. Mr l entered on his duties Monday morning.

J. F., better known as "Hoss" to his hundreds of Decatur and Wise County friends, is one of the most industrious and progressive business men in this section of the state. For years he was connected with some of the biggest enterprises in Decatur, and since moving to Bridgeport, he has been recognized as one of the leaders in business affairs.

He is vice president and manager of the Bridgeport Brick Co., and he is also at the head of the Wise county conservation and improvement movement.

J. F. is an affable fellow and Ranger will find in him a man who will be found in the front rank in all movements looking to the betterment of the town and community.

Spencer Company Gets Second Good Producer

Judge Charles F. Spencer, president of the Oil Operators Trust, Inc., with headquarters in Fort Worth, has sent a statement to the stock holders of his company, stating that another well, making No. 2 in the Meunster field, in Cooke County, has been brought in. The new well is making one hundred and forty-five barrels per day on the pump, while the discovery well has settled down to fifty barrels per day.

The company, according to Judge Spencer's statement, owns three hundred and sixty acres in the Meunster field. Other wells will be put down. Other properties owned by the Operators Trust, Inc. are in the Arkansas ield, in the Smackover district and Louisiana, and a valuable tract was ecently purchased in Carson county, r which the company paid $50,000. dge Spencer was one of the first tors in the Burkburnett field.

rs. A. T. Franks Died at Paradise on Tuesday

Mrs. A. T. Franks, about fifty-four years old, died at her home in the of Paradise Tuesday, and burial pace in the Paradise cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Franks came to Wise county in 1877 with her parents, and has been a citizen here ever since.

Mrs. Franks is a neice of Joe Hoit of Decatur, and was well known in all parts of the county.

C. Faust Convicted of Murder in Montague

W. C. Faust was found guilty of murder in connection with the death of V. T. Reese by a jury in Montague county district court last Friday and his punishment assessed at five years in the state penitentiary.

Faust and Reese were fellow work in the pumping plant of an oil any near Nocona last December. he body of Reese was found at the ase of a fly-wheel. The state introduced evidence by which it was sought o show that there had been a quarrel between the two men over a young woman at the time of the tragedy.

Local Lawyers Give to Memorial for Davidson

ollowing lawyers of Wise county ba have contributed twenty dollars as a contribution on the Davidson memorial fund, which is being sponsored by Attorney Walter Scott of Fort Worth: C. T. Gettys, A. B. Cates, M. W. Burch and J. V. Patterson.

In submitting the contribution, Hon. M. W. Burch of Decatur wrote: "We honor, rever and esteem the name of this great jurist and commend you in your unselfish efforts to commemorate the name of one of our profession who has sealed the ladder of scientfic jus to the height attained by Judge L. Davidson."

Card of Thanks.

We deeply appreciate the words of sympathy spoken and the beautiful flowers sent by friends in our great sorrow.—"The Lillards."

The body of Mrs. N. A. Brannon, sixty-five years of age was shipped ere Thursday from Quannah. Funer services will be held this (Friday) fternoon, three o'clock at Pleasant rove.

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The greatest discovery in flesh healing the marvelous Borozone, a preparation at comes in liquid and powder form. is a combination treatment that not y purifies the wound of germs that se infection but it heals the flesh with ordinary speed. Bad wounds or which take weeks to heal with the nary liniments mend quickly under powerful influence of this wonderful edy. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and $1.20. r 30c and 60c. Sold by

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

BOTH PHONES ALMA WILKERSON, REPORTER BOTH PHONES

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Roy Robertson was hostess to the L. A. L. Club Wednesday evening. Forty-two was the diversion of the evening. Tiny hearts, containing the key to news, announced the engagement of the hostess' sister, Miss Buna Robertson, to Everett T. Dawson of West Columbia, which will take place on February 24th.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Bill Reeves, Buna Robertson, Maris Fergason, Alma Sims; Mmes. S. L. Hardwick, C. A. Reeves, W. T. Hill, Roy Workman and Archie Hoyl.

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Baptist W. M. S. Met in Circles.

Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in the respective circles at the following places:

Circle one met at the home of Mrs T. F. Glossup at two o'clock. Mrs J. L. Ward led an inspiring Bible lesson. Those who were present were Mmes. E. Walker, J. B. Green, J. H. Gentry, J. M. Jones, J. L. Ward, W. F Horton and the hostess.

Circle two met at the church, with nine members and one visitor present. Regular business was held, followed by a Bible lesson on "Hannah." Those present were: Mmes. J. G. Gose, T. S Williams, W. W. Boyd, D. I. Jones, H. L. Ward, C. C. Hooper, C. L. Christian and R. C. Nutting.

Circle three met at the church. A splendid lesson on the fourth and fifth chapters of acts, following the business session, was greatly enjoyed. Among those who attended were: Mmes. R. L. Blankenship, Johnnie McFarlin, A. D Reeves and R. L. Hunt.

Mrs. T. H. Dunn entertained circle four at her home on South Lang street. During the business session it was voted to pay circle four's portion of the endowment fund. Mrs. Will Bowman led the devotional, and Mrs. George Foster led the Bible lesson. Those who attended the meeting were: Mmes. T. L. Jones, George Foster, Mary Harris, J. W. Bailey, U. Blackburn, J. U. Thompson, L. B. Gill, Will Bowman and Stella Fergason.

Circle five met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. T. J. Dillehay on West Walnut street. After a missionary program, during which Mrs. Floyd Clifton led an interesting devotional, Valentine diversions entertained those present. Dainty refreshments were served to: Mmes. S. M. Ward, F. M Rayzor, O. Richter, Joe Rogers, J. A Simmons, W. P. Adams, Jack Walker C. K. Wilkerson, Floyd Clifton, C. G Stokes, Curren New, Bob Cates, R. S Miller, C. B. Gunn, J. M. Jones and the hostess.

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Owl Club Studies Cowboy.

Miss Ada Harding was leader of a program on "The Texas Cowboy" at the Owl Club meeting Wednesday afternoon in the club house.

Mrs. B. A. Man read "The Cowboy." The roll call was answered by bits of cowboy sentiment, and Miss Mattie Baits discussed "John A. Lomax and His Works." Mrs. Oma Cartwright gave a splendid talk on "Frank Rauga and His Views of the Cowboy," which was followed by cowboy songs by Mrs. F. M. Kenny and Truett Wilson.

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Ash-Penry.

Gordon Ash and Miss Helen Penry were married Sunday at the home of the bride's mother in Denton.

Gordon is an industrious young man who has lived in this community for several years, but at the time of his marriage was living in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Ash, talented young lady, taught in Decatur high school during the school term of 1925-26.

They will make their future home in Wichita Falls.

Mission Study Class Met Monday.

Mission Study Class of the First Methodist Woman's Missionary Society held an interesting session on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Van Meter.

Following the lesson, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Douglass, served refrehment to eighteen member, who were present.

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Miss Mecaskey Entertains.

Miss Lula Clay Mecaskey favored a number of friends Monday evening at her home with a Valentine party. After the guests arrived they went to the basketball game, Bridgeport high school vs. Alvord high school, at the armory. Upon their return J. I. "Mickey" McDaniel entertained.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt, Minnie Pearl Arnett, Elizabeth Ann Harper, Marion Smith, Dorothy Patterson, Naomi Wright, Emma Dean Belew, Louise Strange, Orlena Davenport, Francis Lacey and Fannie Pearl Askey; Messrs. Basil Spain, Dowden Dillehay, Blake Workman, Will Hogg Greathouse, J. C. Blewett, J. H. Lynch, M. J. Vaughn, E. B. Melton, T. J. Elder, Jack Rieger and J. I. McDaniel.

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Miss Dillehay Is Hostess.

Miss Mildred Dillehay delightfully entertained the O. F. F. Club Friday evening at her home on West Main street. Misses Flora Reeves, Elmer Vernice Clark, Eva Jo Greer and Emma Dean Belew were selected for the club quartet.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Imogene Moore, Anna Eloyse Cook, Marion Smith, Isobelle Hunt, Naomi Wright, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Minnie Pearl Arnett, Eva Jo Greer, Fannie Pearl Askey, Margaret Boyd, Emma Dean Belew, Annette McMordie, Flora Reeves and Alma Wilkerson.

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T. O. G. Club Met Friday.

T. O. G. Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Virginia Patterson in East Decatur.

After the business session, tasty refreshments were served to: Misses Bess McMordie, Louise Greer, Maurine McCracken, Ava White, Fay Reeves.

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Worth While Club.

Worth While Club met Thursday, February 10th, in the parlors of the Ingram Drug Company, with Mrs. J. J. Ingram as hostess.

On entering, punch was served by Miss Jessie Lee Ramsey. After a business session forty-two was played as the diversion of the afternoon. An iced course was served to sixteen members and several visitors.

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Announcements.

People of the Sweetwater community will hold the annual Sweetwater cemetery working February 22nd.

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L. A. L. Club will meet Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. T. Hill on West Main street.

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Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler in Southeast Decatur.

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Owl Club will meet on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the club house on East Walnut street.

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Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk's office since our last issue:

Robert A. Cormak and Miss Opal Stewart; R. E. Bradford and Miss Mattie Zoe Kell; J. H. Perkins and Miss Ruth Sloan.

Dust clouds asphyxiated scores of persons in a storm in Paraguay, South America, recently.

Mrs. Lute Renshaw was seriously ill first of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of Fort Worth, were in the city this week.

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Misses Jacobina and Kathrein Burch of Nocana, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

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Miss Evelyn Helm of Fort Worth, was the week-end guest of Miss Cathryn Ruth Helm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ash moved last week to Wichita Falls, where they will make their home.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schneider of Bowie, were the guests of G. M. Slagle and family Sunday.

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S. D. Handly and wife of Bellevue, were week-end guests of Mrs. Wes Nobles, west of town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Scott and children, Baby Ruth and Bobbie, have returned to their home in Dallas, after several weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves and family.

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J. P. Terrell of Temple, was in the city Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reid of Fort Worth, were here this week.

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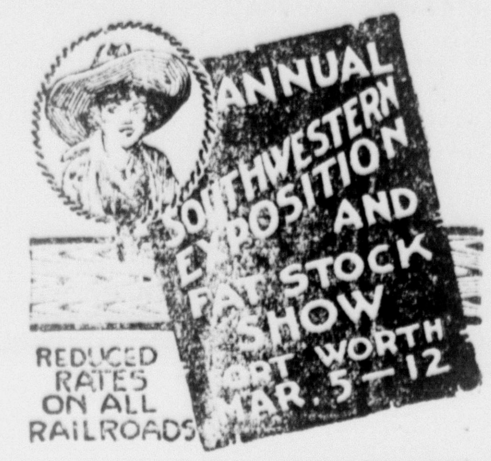
Alvin Alland of Fort Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Alland.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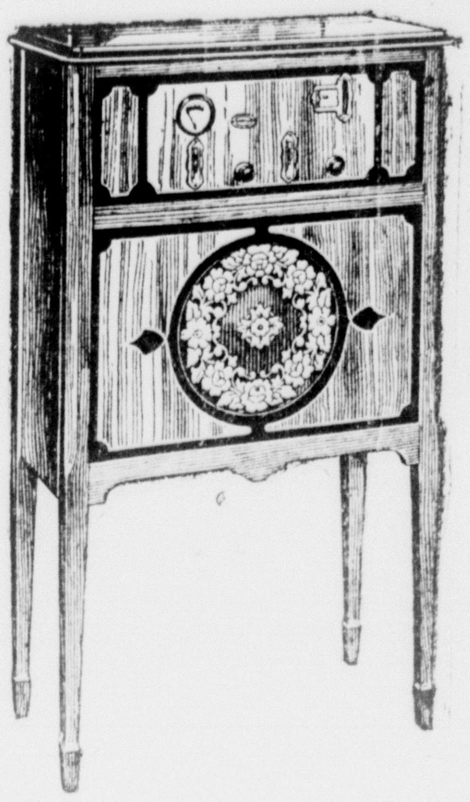

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Rosebud Matches, large box, each	5c
Olives, Happy Vale, per qt	50c
Lettuce, large California	7c
Apples, fancy Winesap	15c
Coffee, Sante's Peaberry, lb	37c

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Pint bottle Welch's Grape Juice	30c
2 oz. can ginger allspice or cloves	5c
10-lb. pail Rex Jelly	65c
7 packages Gold Dust	25c
Palmolive Talcum Powder	5c
16-oz. can Rumford Baking Powder	20c
6 cans Armour's Milk	25c

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Notes About Schools of Wise County

BY WALLACE GREGG, County Superintendent

Happenings of Interest and Activities Carried on by Institutions—Weekly Messenger Feature

J. B. McClung, state aid supervisor, completed inspection of the schools applying for state aid on last Friday and made out his allotments of aid on Saturday. The superintendent or the principal of each state aid school has been notified from this office of the amount allotted. Since the county was apportioned a less amount of aid than last year the average per school is less this year. The amount allotted each school was based on the actual needs of the school and on the money available for aid. No school received the maximum amount of $1000, altho several showed a need for this much and even more. The state aid money will not be sent out from Austin until sometime after March 10th.

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Mr. McClung was very favorably impressed with the conditions found in most of the schools and expressed the opinion that the interest shown by trustees and patrons was above the average. Among the communities displaying unusual enthusiasm in the work of their schools may be mentioned: Keeter, Cottondale, Brumlow, Joe Bailey, Slidell, Briar and Roe. Other schools would have shown as much interest, no doubt, but for the bad weather during the last week of inspection. The supervisor found the following number of trustees and patrons present upon his visits last week: Paradise, four; Draco, four; Cottondale, fourteen; Lucky Ridge, three; Union Chapel, one; Hopewell, none; Garret's Creek, two; Boonsville, four; Balsora, two; Audubon, none; Willow Point, two; Crafton, none; Rock Springs, none; Edgery, none; Red Willow, none; Roe, eleven; Foster, one; and White Hill, three.

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Henry Crawford at Draco is using the Dallas News and the Farm and Ranch in connection with his class work. Robert Fletcher of the Draco school got a distance of thirty-three feet and eleven inches in the shot put. The rural schools have some excellent material to enter in the rural pentathlon at Decatur on March 19th. One of the bays at the Keeter school got a distance of thirty-five feet and seven inches with the shot put.

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In a hotly contested series of three games, the Alvord basketball team won two of the three games over Boyd. The last game on Saturday night was anybody's until the last minute of the play, the score standing 14 to 13 in Alvord's favor. Greenwood emerged winner over West Academy after a three game series, thus making Greenwood rural champion of the county. Greenwood and Alvord will this week meet to decide the county champion. The county champion will represent Wise county in the district meet to be held Friday and Saturday of this week at Denton.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNKNOWN TEACHER.

And what of teaching? Ah, there you have the worst paid and the best rewarded of all the vocations. Dare not to enter it unless you love it. For the vast majority of men and women it has no promise of wealth or fame, but they, to whom it is dear for its own sake, are among the nobility of mankind.

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war.

Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. He lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For him no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed. He keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. Patient in his daily duty, he strives to conquer the evil powers which are the enemies of youth. He awakens sleeping spirits. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager and steadies the unstable. He communicates his own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the best treasures of his mind. He light many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward.

Knowledge may be gained from books; but the love of knowledge is transmitted only by personal contact. No one has deserved better of the republic than the unknown teachers. No one is more worthy to be enrolled in a democratic aristocracy, "king of himself and servant of mankind."—Henry Van Dyke.

Mrs. Zenia Buckner, primary teacher in the Park Springs school, has a very interesting sand table project. Her little folks have made a model farm and they are now conducting a contest to determine what breeds of cattle, swine, horses and poultry shad be used in stocking the farm.

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Paradise Parent-Teachers Association has installed a slide for the little folks of the school, and the children were showing thetir appreciation of the slide by making constant use of it when the school was visited last week.

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Crafton school has a very unusual exhibit of posters, model farms and peek boxes. One whole room is used for the exhibit. This display is the accumulation of projects carried out in connection with regular class work and it shows some very fine workmanship. Misses Myrtle Bass and Ella Faye Kendall are to be congratulated upon their splendid display, and it is hoped that the whole county may see this exhibit during the county meet at Decatur March 25th and 26th.

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Miss Vera Walker of the White Hill school is making use of a unique feature in her school work that is commended to the schools of the county. She and her pupils have drawn up a constitution for their room, setting forth the rules by which they are to be governed. A copy of this constitution has been requested for publication and it is hoped that it may appear in these columns next week. White Hill has three bright girls in the persons of Anna Beth Swain, Imogene House and Mildred Washington. The first two are eleven years of age and are in the sixth grade, while Mildred is twelve years old and in the seventh.

Responding to a questionnaire sent out from this office on the subject of taxation, the teachers have thus far sent in some twelve or more answers by their pupils. Among these answers we find the following by Paul Rose of the Howard school third grade, which is reproduced herewith:

1.—What we buy with taxes from the state: We take money from our state tax to pay for text books for children to use who attend the public free schools of our state.

2.—What we buy with taxes from the county: A part of our county tax is used to buy machinery, such as tractors, graders and other things that are needed to use on our county roads.

3.—What we buy with taxes from our school districts: We take money from our district tax to buy supplies and equipment for our school houses, such as desks, black boards, charts, maps, brooms, fuel and chalk."

Other answers will be published at later intervals, and it is hoped that teachers will continue sending in their pupils' work. It is suggested that the pupils make their answers personal; give briefly the benefits they derive personally from expenditure of taxes.

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Teachers of the county have an opportunity to render their patrons a real service by inviting them to hear Prof. W. H. Lapp discuss the increasingly important subject of poultry raising at Decatur during the latter part of March. Prof. Lapp is head of the research department of the Rock Island Lines and is an outstanding authority on poultry. Thru the efforts of Cody Milligan, Prof. Lapp has consented to make one address in Wise county some time between March 15th and March 31st. The exact date will be announced later.

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Extension class under W. E. Metzenthin of Denton Teachers' College will meet at the Decatur high school building on Saturday, February 26th, at ten o'clock a. m. for the first class period. Mr. Metzenthin will conduct two classes in education on each Saturday. Teachers are urged to make use of this opportunity to secure their college credits.

In the Lincoln essay contest conducted in the Decatur high school by Mrs. Oma Cartwright last week, Lute Ramsey won first place and Francis Lacey won second place. Young Ramsey was awarded the medal at the assembly on Thursday of last week by Rev. E. H. Mays.

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Union Chapel school is preparing to enter the league meat March 25th and 26th with some strong entries. It will be remembered that Union Chapel won several places in declamation last year.

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Mrs. B. F. Vance of the Red Willow school is having her seventh grade pupils experiment with old newspapers and salt as the materials in the making of contour maps.

Wife (with newspaper)—"Says here that men grow bald because of the intense activity of their brains."

Hubby—"Exactly. And women have no whiskers because of the intense activity of their chins."

Once again the husband came staggering home late.

"Oh, John, you have been drinking again," sobbed the wife as she caught a whiff of beer.

"No," dearie; you wrong me. I've been eatin' frogsh legsh an' you shmell the h-o-p-s."

Notice by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable fo Wise County—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county, at least once a week for ten days previous to the return day reof, copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons intersetred in the estate of Amelia E. Rice, deceased: Mrs. Eva Thompson has filed an application in the County Court of Wise County on the 2nd day of February, 1927, for the probate of the will of Amelia E. Rice, deceased, and for the issuance of letters testamentary, which said application will be heard by said court on the 4th day of April, 1927, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Decatur, Texas, this 2nd day of February, 1927—LORY D. WHITE, Clerk, County Court, Wise County, Texas. By Clifton Hall, Deputy. (Feb. 11-18)

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

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"I couldn't sleep and I was never hungry, and I kept getting weaker. I couldn't stand on my feet. This was an unusual condition for me as I had been pretty strong all along. I knew that I would have to do something, and that pretty soon.

"Some friend suggested that I take Cardui, and it certainly was a good suggestion, for after taking one bottle I could tell I was stronger and better. I didn't quit. I kept it up and did fine. I felt like a different person after I began taking Cardui."

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On the Street

A MAN NO AD WRITER [illegible] don't know anything about rounding out those high sounding adjectives and colorful sentences in an endeavor to attract the attention of the newspaper readers," remarked Tom Wright, merchant, to a representative of the Messenger one day this week. "I make the advertising statement in a plain manner and try to say just what I mean, that's all, and sometimes I am put to for words to express what I really want to say to the purchasing public. Then imagine my surprise the other day when one of the best known Decatur citizens, a thoroly successful business man who has retired from the game, told me that he had been reading my advertisements in the Messenger and they appealed to him; that they carried weight and shot straight to the mark. I appreciated the [illegible] much, coming as it did from one of the town's best known citizens."

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"WANT [illegible] commend the Messenger on that article [illegible] in last week [illegible] the stand [illegible] the dairymen [illegible] the community, their trials and [illegible]," said Porter Key, farmer and dairyman. "You have published many interesting articles in the Messenger," continued Mr. Key, "but you have never printed news that has done more good among the [illegible] citizens of the community who are endeavoring to make something of the dairy business. The Messenger has shown itself a friend of the farmer on more occasions than one, but when [illegible] out something that will assist in bringing the attention of the public to the bad conditions of the dairy business—bad for the people who are working day and night—the Messenger is doing a real service. You town people stand by us and we will do our part in creating a profitable milk [illegible] in the town; but we need the assistance of the business interests of Decatur; and with the Messenger taking our side of the present controversy we believe our friends in town will see that our claims are [illegible]."

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FORMER CITIZEN of Decatur and chief executive of the old town when he resided here, D. J. Moss, now a business man of prominence of [illegible], here Sunday to attend the funeral of Captain Steve A. Lillard, one [illegible] friend of Mr. Moss. Speaking of the sad taking off of his friend, Mr. Moss said: "I was shocked when I heard that Steve was in the condition he was in, and his death was a severe blow. I was in his home a few days ago in Ranger, before he was taken to the Dallas sanitarium, and while I [illegible] he was suffering from the [illegible] he received in [illegible] I had no idea that [illegible] on the grave's brink. He [illegible] and we talked [illegible] Decatur, when we [illegible]. In Ranger, Steve [illegible] was recognized as one [illegible] he was a progressive [illegible] leading spirit and since [illegible] welfare of the town he [illegible] movement that would [illegible] people. What he did [illegible] work for Ranger will [illegible] remembered. [illegible] the death of Steve Lillard. And Ranger people appreciated [illegible] community and in the [illegible] generous manhood should [illegible] was he."

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"COMING [illegible] of the square last night from the picture show, my wife and daughter [illegible] had to hold their hands over their ears to keep from hearing the vile words [illegible] uttered by boys and young men in the gang that nightly swarm on the sidewalk near the Frank Green confectionery," remarked a prominent Decatur citizen. And readers, the gentleman was not one bit [illegible] in his estimate of the boys and young men who gather on sidewalks and swear like tipsy sailors. "Can't something be done to correct this disgraceful condition?" the gentleman asked, and then he drifted into reminiscence. "I was just wondering how long the crowd of cursing, [illegible] gangsters would carry on with their disgraceful conduct in the days when W. [illegible] Holt was town marshal in Decatur. Why, bless your soul, Wes would not have tolerated that for one minute. At the first crack one of these toughs [illegible] at a girl walking along the street he would have been marched to the [illegible] and that boisterous swearing and [illegible]ading of the sidewalk would [illegible] been staged but one time and the calaboose would have been occupied. [illegible] that our night watchman would [illegible] after this situation. We have no town marshal, and if the night watchman over-looks this nightly stunt, we

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DEATH OF STEVE A. LILLARD TAKES ONE OF BEST CITIZENS OF SECTION

Sorrowing Throngs Pay Splendid Tributes Here Sunday

Steve A. Lillard Jr., former citizen of Decatur, but for more than a year a resident of Ranger, where he was active vice president of the Ranger State Bank, died at eleven-thirty last Saturday morning in the Baptist sanitarium in Dallas, where he was taken [illegible] that characterized his conduct on the fire swept ground when civilization was being challenged to its supreme contest. To an intimate friend a few minutes before he died he remarked, "It was a hard fight, but we will do our best to win." At eleven-thirty Saturday morning the end came.

The body was brought to Decatur on Saturday evening, and hundreds of town and country people visited the Lillard home on North Trinity street to pay tribute to the young man they [illegible]. Sunday afternoon [illegible] funeral services were [illegible] at the First [illegible] church [illegible] Harry [illegible] Baker, former pastor [illegible] friend of the deceased [illegible] Dr. J. L. Ward, [illegible] friend of the Lillard family. [illegible] outside of the building. The floral offerings from [illegible] in Decatur and outside towns [illegible] were beautiful and numerous, and it required a special car to transport them to the cemetery. Splendid [illegible] tributes were paid the deceased by Rev. Baker and Dr. Ward [illegible] the grave in Oaklawn cemetery. [illegible]

[illegible] part in the [illegible] of the [illegible] and was [illegible] by the [illegible] government. After being honorably discharged from the army, when the bloody conflict that rocked the world was over, Captain Lillard returned to the old home town. He entered the banking business with his father, a vice president of the City National Bank. About a year ago he purchased an interest in a Ranger bank, and with his family he moved there. In the progressive life of that little city Steve took his part from the very start, and at the time he was stricken down he was one of the recognized leaders in [illegible] affairs of the place.

Surviving are his wife, who before marriage was Miss Bettie Lou Jarrett of Fort Worth, and three children; [illegible] father, S. A. Lillard, pioneer banker and merchant of Decatur, mother, three brothers and one sister.

As a friend, Steve Lillard was as true as steel, as constant as the needle is to the pole; he knew no faults in a friend; in sunshine and shadow he was the same true, dependable. He was charitable to a fault, giving with a lavish hand. His ideals were high, and he went to his grave an honored, upright citizen; one who will be missed. His good deeds will live and endure in the hearts of all who knew his worth as friend, soldier and citizen.

May Organize Lions Club for Bridgeport

Seven of Bridgeport's most prominent citizens were guests of Decatur Lions Club at the weekly meeting in the chamber of commerce hall on Wednesday at noon. The visitors had come to the gathering of the club to see the "inside workings" of such an organization, looking to the probable forming of a similar club in Bridgeport. They had been invited by the local club's development committee. L. D. Kirkpatrick was spokesman of the delegation, and those who accompanied him were B. B. Poore, Lloyd Hensley, J. S. McKenzie, Frank Turner, W. Hines and W. B. J[illegible].

Evidence of the growing good will between the towns of the county was a feature of the session in remarks made by the Bridgeport citizens and speakers on the program of Decatur.

Twenty [illegible] of the twenty-six members of the Decatur club were present at the meeting. Wallace Gregg, who was last week elected to membership in the organization, attended his first meeting Wednesday.

Music at the piano was rendered by Miss Dorothy Patterson, and several numbers were presented by the male quartet composed of Leslie Faust and Roger Nobles and Willard Jones.

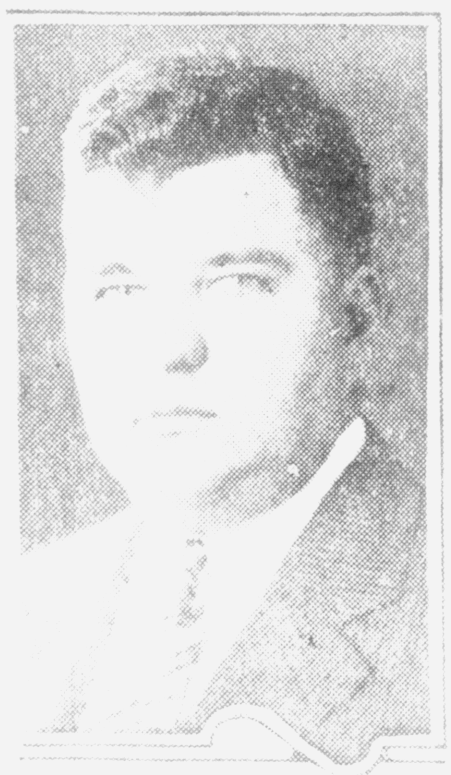
C. OF C. BANQUET SET FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Directors' meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday night selected the date of Friday night, March 4th, for the holding of the annual chamber of commerce banquet, which was postponed from Friday night of last week. The program as originally drafted will be carried out, and [illegible] to be one of the most interesting and instructive events of the nature yet given.

The occasion will be held in the dining hall of Decatur College. Plates will be sixty-five cents each, and so pressing are the subjects to be discussed and so pleasurable will the event prove it is expected that a large crowd will attend. Quite a number of tickets have already been sold for the event.

Bill Nye said: "Music has charms to soothe the savage, rend a rock and split a cabbage." We have known some people who could split a cabbage without the aid of music or the rock.

Ranger Financier who Answered Call



STEVE A. LILLARD JR.

Whose body was laid to rest Sunday in Oaklawn Cemetery at Decatur.

MEXICANS FOUND HERE HELD FOR QUESTIONING

Two Mexicans, strangers in the community, were arrested Tuesday afternoon while loitering in a neighborhood northwest of the city. Boys out rabbit hunting found the Mexicans asleep in a hollow, and when aroused from their slumber the Mexicans requested the boys to secure them some food. The boys reported to neighbors nearby, who informed the sheriff's department.

Deputy Sheriff Kraft and Special Officer Paul Kennedy rounded up the Mexicans and brought them before County Attorney F. A. Davenport for questioning. They pleaded they could not understand the English language, but the county attorney thought otherwise, and after a few of his questions were turned down by the gentlemen from across the Rio Grande, they were sent to jail.

It is the opinion of Mr. Davenport and his assistant, Jennings C. Brown, that the strangers will conclude they can understand good United States language after they spend a time in the county bastile.

"And we are holding them until we can get a report from the Fort Worth police headquarters concerning the disappearance of two Mexicans there who were implicated in a cutting affray the other night," said the attorney.

One of the Mexicans carried a bad looking pistol when Deputy Luther Craft gave him the "once over."

FORT WORTH MAN KILLED FRIDAY WHEN CAR WRECKED ON HIGHWAY

C. C. Shaeffer, Fort Worth [illegible], aged about thirty-seven years of age, was killed early last Friday morning while driving a truck on the Meridian Highway seven miles north of Decatur. The body was brought to Decatur and was prepared for burial at the C. L. Christian undertaking parlors. Later an ambulance from Fort Worth arrived and took the remains to the Shaeffer home in that city.

From the testimony given Squire H. E. Brady, who held the inquest, it developed that Shaeffer picked up a stranger near Memphis, and while driving along the highway north of town the stranger, under the influence of whiskey, lurched against Shaeffer, causing him to lose control of the steering wheel, and the car plunged off the road. When it left the highway the machine turned over, pinning Shaeffer under it, and before he could be rescued he died. The stranger, who gave his name as Thomas Brownhill, was not seriously hurt.

Testimony given Justice Brady by travelers who came along shortly after the accident was as follows: "While traveling on the Meridian Highway out of Decatur, Texas, about one thirty a. m. on the morning of the 11th, we followed a car which was wrecked ahead of us, and upon inquiry found that a man by the name of C. C. Shaeffer had been killed. We were told that the deceased, Mr. Shaeffer, was driving the car. While eating a lunch in Alvord, Mr. Shaeffer made the remark that the man who was riding in the car with him, a man whom he had picked up, was so drunk that he could [illegible] drive the car on account of his continually leaning over on him.

"We do not think the dead man was drinking, and he seemed sober while at the restaurant at Alvord a short time before the accident.

"From our observation and investigation we believe that the cause of Mr. Shaeffer's death was due to an accident, and do not believe it was due to any fault of Mr. Shaeffer. J. L. Campbell, Auditorium Hotel, Amarillo, Texas; J. L. Campbell, 119 East Fifth Street, Amarillo, Texas."

Thomas Brownhill, the man who was riding with Mr. Shaeffer when the accident occurred, made the following statement to Squire Brady:

"I am twenty-four years of age; my post office is general delivery, Dallas, Texas; my occupation is a cook.

"I first met Mr. Shaeffer at Memphis, Texas, February 10th, the day preceding the accident which resulted in his death. He offered me a ride to come south with him as far as Fort Worth. While on the Meridian Highway between Alvord and Decatur, I was asleep and Mr. Shaeffer was driving. I was underneath the car and could not get out of the wreck. I called for help and when relief came and assisted me out, we found that Mr. Shaeffer was dead. I was so blinded with blood and dirt that I could not see anything, and was brought to Decatur and taken to Dr. Ingram's office for treatment by some parties unknown to me. I do not know the cause of the accident, for I was [illegible]

DELAY ON WISE-MONTAGUE ROAD WORK BELIEVED ONLY TEMPORARY

Poultry Specialist Is to Speak in Decatur

Poultry raisers of all the county are reminded to hold in mind the anticipated visit to Decatur of Prof. W. H. Lapp, who will come here next month from Chicago to confer with poultry men on all related subjects of the industry. Prof. Lapp is director of the research and development department of the Live Poultry Transit Company of Chicago. He is beyond question one of the most proficient men in his line in the country, and his conference with Wise county poultrymen will be something different from the usual order of things.

He will discuss the practical, commercial side of poultry raising, the money making side. Will talk about what the commercial market wants, how it wants it, how much of it will pay and how much each department can use. That is intrinsically practical and necessary information that must be supplied to the man in position to raise poultry with money making success.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the chamber of commerce, which expects soon to be informed of the positive date when Prof. Lapp may be expected. Watch the Messenger for the date in March, when the distinguished leader will be in Decatur.

CAR THIEF CAUGHT BY OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

A hankering to see his favorite actor in action in one of his tip-top [illegible] thrillers brought bad luck to P. G. Mast, about twenty-two years of age and claiming Missouri as his native state, Wednesday night shortly after he had driven in town in the Pontiac coupe he had stolen in Lawton on Sunday afternoon.

Parking the car near the court house curbing, Mast went to the Majestic theater to see Hoot Gibson in one of his thrillers, and as he sat under the spell of Hoot's marvelous handling of shootin' arms, two officers from the sheriff's department, Deputy Sheriff George Young and Traffic Cop Paul Kennedy, glided in and took seats near the stranger from Missouri. When Hoot quit bawling over bad Indians and villians endeavoring to kidnap the motherless girl, Mast left the show house. When he left, the officers took leave also, and when Mast approached his car the law's representatives laid hands on him.

He was taken before County Attorney F. A. Davenport and [illegible] He stated that he had [illegible] Mast [illegible]

When [illegible]

Government May Make Cattle Loss Settlement

There is a report to the effect that the government is checking up on the stock losses of the late William Keith, pioneer dealer in cattle and [illegible], thru Indian depredations in the early days in this section, and it is said that the Keith family will probably be reimbursed for the losses [illegible] the father.

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Ranger Mourns Death of Capt. Steve Lillard

In honor of Steve A. Lillard Jr., whose death occurred Saturday in Dallas, the business life of Ranger stood still for one hour. At twelve o'clock all business houses were closed and remained closed until one o'clock in tribute to the man who was so [illegible] allied with Ranger's business [illegible]—Ranger Daily Times.

Highway Commission Is Merely Following a General Policy

The new state highway commission has ordered that all work on the Meridian Highway be stopped, and as a result of this order the work that had been under way north of Alvord and in Montague county was suspended. Resident engineers along the road were instructed to let the work proceed long enough only to get gravel already on the sidings properly distributed.

That portion of the Meridian Highway which runs between Alvord and the Clay county line has for several years been the dread of motorists, and a sustained campaign has been waged in behalf of state aid for building of a hard surfaced road between the two points. After months of effort the work was started, when the commission in January set aside $320,000 to assist in building the twenty-eight miles of highway.

The contract provided that, after the state had built up the base, the Plains Paving Company of Wichita Falls was to lay a new Finlay method surface, with curbing, and the highway was to be finished by May 1st. Motorists could then drive from Belton on to Vernon over a hard surfaced highway, the longest stretch of hard surfaced highway in Texas.

Unofficial advices received here are that the highway commission had decided to seek the termination of the contract with the Plains Paving Company because of the fact that only state aid was involved in the project. No county aid was called for. No federal aid was available. It is also understood that the policy of the new commission will be that counties in which bond issues have been voted, and therefore can furnish aid, will be the first to be assisted by the commission. Little hope is entertained for any state aid, if this policy is adhered to, for at least two years to come. Many of the wealthier counties in the state have large amounts of money available for application as county aid.

Monday Wichita Falls Record-News carried a dispatch stating that in holding up the Montague-Wise county road construction the state highway commission is merely following out its policy of delaying all road work until the financial condition of the highway department can be accurately determined, it was learned Saturday. The Wichita Falls article continued:

"Dispatches from Austin printed on Friday morning said that the construction of the road, contract for which has been awarded the Plains Paving Company of Wichita Falls, is being held up temporarily. It is expected here that the highway, which closes the gap in the hard surfaced road between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth, will be under construction as soon as funds are made available. In a statement to the Record-News Saturday, officials of the paving company pointed out that neither the legality of the award of the contract by the former commission nor the integrity of the contractor are involved in the suspension of the work [illegible] the new [illegible].

"The former highway commission [illegible] surfacing [illegible] of the [illegible] Decatur, Wichita Falls and Bowie, it was said. Bids were opened early in January and [illegible] award of the Plains Paving Company of Wichita Falls on [illegible]. The contract was submitted to the attorney general, who gave his approval. A subsequent [illegible] calling for an investigation of the highway department and [illegible] awarding of the contract was withdrawn when it was found that the West Texas contract had been awarded [illegible] low bidder after proper [illegible]"

New Contract Is Made for Well at Greenwood

Messenger learns that a new contract has been made to sink the test well at Greenwood, which was spudded in some months ago. Owing to a misunderstanding in leases, the original contractors have been delaying the drilling of this well, but it is understood that a new contract has been made, which insures a prosecution of the drilling.

A car of fuel oil, ordered for the work has arrived in Decatur.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:15 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:22 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
7:00 am	9:09 am	10:30 am	11:55 am

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
6:45 pm	8:20 pm	9:40 pm	11:55 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 pm	2:06 am	4:40 am

LOCAL NEWS

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Messenger accepts advertising on the guarantee that it has more bona fide circulation than any other newspaper printed in Wise county; that its actual, bona fide subscription list is greater by three times than any other publication in Decatur. Books and records are open to advertisers.

Copy for advertising should be in the office not later than six o'clock Wednesday evening to insure good position. No advertising accepted after nine o'clock Thursday morning for Friday's issue.

Captain E. W. Blythe was in Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam H[illegible] is visiting [illegible] in Whitesboro.

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord [illegible] first of the week.

Attorney M. W. B[illegible] Worth on business.

Sheriff George G[illegible] Worth on business.

Henry A[illegible] Dallas [illegible] the week on business.

Judge Tom Stinson [illegible] Fort Worth were here Sunday.

Sam H[illegible] Wichita Falls [illegible] business Tuesday and Wednesday.

C. L. Chi[illegible] several days [illegible]

A number of Decatur citizens are carrying sore arms [illegible] been vaccinated.

Miss A[illegible] and Miss Frances Collins [illegible] in Denton tomorrow.

Mrs. H. E. Brady of Denver, Colorado, is here visiting Captain and Mrs. H. E. Brady and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bass of Fort Worth were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Captain S. A. Lillard.

A. J. Ogle of Henrietta was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Ogle has many friends in Decatur, his old home, who were glad to see him.

Judge F. O. McKinsey [illegible] from Weatherford Monday to hold a two day session of his court and take up orders. Several [illegible] were disposed of.

Miss Johnie May Stone, popular musician and member of the Happy Four Orchestra, is taking a post graduate course in piano, under one of the the master instructors in Fort Worth.

Walter Meyers, representing a land company owning extensive interests in the Rio Grande Valley, left with a party of sight seers for the great valley yesterday afternoon. A number of Wise county people were in the party.

Cottondale land owners are wanting a drilling contract with a company that recently sent a representative into that section. It is said the Cottondale people have their holdings pooled, and in sufficient amount to attract reliable drilling outfits.

Messenger acknowledges receipt of an invitation from the Wichita Daily Times to attend the opening of the Times' new building [illegible]. The Wichita Falls Times is one of the best newspapers in North [illegible] Texas and is deserving of the [illegible] success it has made.

J. T. Aaron of the Boyd [illegible] was in the city on business [illegible]. Mr. Aaron is one of the [illegible] farmers in that [illegible] man who [illegible] that conditions are favorable for a properous year. Mr. Aaron is one of the splendid citizens of the Boyd community and he has many friends there and in Decatur neighborhood.

Mrs. Bettie Douglas of Fort Worth was visiting friends here Sunday.

Allen Rowan of Wichita Falls visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowan here Thursday.

C. E. Martin of Breckenridge, and J. J. Woody of Fort Worth were here first of the week.

Lex Steen, telephone man of Boyd, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Robert Gibson, employe of a Dallas bank, was visiting relatives in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rush and daughter Miss Laura Sue, and Mrs. Conley Rush of Dallas, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of Captain S. A. Lillard.

Z-I-P parasite remover used in the drinking water rids your poultry of blue bugs, lice, fleas and all other other insects. Sold under guarantee by the [illegible] Store, Decatur.

W. T. Cunningham has purchased a lot from Bob Tilghman on the Meridian Highway in East Decatur. It is understood that Mr. Cunningham will erect an oil station on the property.

Mrs. Washburn, an aged resident of the Boyd community, died Monday night at her home near the town of Boyd. Mrs. Washburn was [illegible] eighty years of age and [illegible] friends throughout that section of the county.

Mrs. Willie D. Rafter of [illegible] renewing subscription for the Messenger [illegible]

[illegible]

John Wood of Fort Worth was here Sunday.

T. C. Florian and [illegible] of [illegible]wood, were here Wednesday.

B. F. Mosier of Greenwood was in the city Monday on business.

Dr. L. H. Reece and daughter, Miss Allah, of Fort Worth, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Everett Hill, Ted Golightly and Bart Sammin of Dallas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill Sunday.

Mmes. Harry Gose, W. C. Milligan, Misses Florence Bellah, Bess Coleman, Julia Bellah and Sarah Mabie Elder were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Judge Chas. Fenwick of Oklahoma was here this week shaking hands with old friends. Judge Fenwick is one of the Sooner state's prominent legal lights.

At a meeting of the Decatur city school board held Tuesday night Miss Linnie Blevett was elected to take the place as instructor of Miss Buna Robertson, resigned. Other applicants for the position were Mrs. W. C. [illegible], Mrs. B. A. Mann, Mrs. Lester Bell and Miss Hortense Robertson.

While attending medical lectures in New Orleans, Louisiana, recently, Dr. P. J. Fullingim met a former member of Captain Jim Gilliland's company, Company H, a unit that served in the Spanish American war, in the person of Horace Rucker, a relative of Captain H. E. Brady. Rucker [illegible] about [illegible] and he extended an invitation to [illegible] to come and [illegible] him in his home [illegible] Dr. Fullingim.

ANNUAL
SOUTHWESTERN
EXPOSITION
AND
FAT STOCK
SHOW
FORT WORTH
MAR. 5—12

REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

PURINA
COW CHOW
FEED

Extra Milk from Checkerboard Bags

HERE'S how sure we are that Cow Chow will make you more milk and make it at *less cost per pound!*

We will see that you get milk scales at *cost*, or we'll lend them to you, so you can weigh the exact amount of extra milk you get each day from Cow Chow. And what's more we will give you some Record Blanks *free*, so you can see how much Cow Chow cuts your cost of *producing milk* each day! Isn't this a fair proposition? Phone us.

LILLARD MILLING COMPANY
DECATUR, TEXAS

The Store with the Checkerboard Sign

TEXAS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
YOUR PUBLIC SERVANT
Service First--- ---Safety Always

AN ARRAY OF GREAT VALUES *for* Founders Week!

A&P ESTABLISHED 1859 "WHERE ECONOMY RULES"

Crisco 6 LB. PAIL 1.03

FAMILY FLOUR 6 lbs. 29 12 lbs. 53 24 lbs. 99 48 lbs. 1.97

SWIFT'S JEWEL COMPOUND 8 PAIL LB. 98c

Folger's Coffee lb. 52c

SHREDDED WHEAT pkg. 10c

BIRD BRAND SHORTENING 8 lb. pail 92c

TENDER CRUSHED SUGAR CORN Stock Your Pantry Shelves at this Price 3 No. 2 cans 25c

NEW PACK PEAS Sweet and Tender 2 No. 2 cans 23c

TOMATOES 3 No. 2 cans 29c

BULK Compound 2 lbs. 23c

Cheese FANCY WISCONSIN DAISY lb. 29c

SOAP Palmolive	3 cakes	20c	P. & G. or Crystal W. SOAP	5 bars	17
Blue Rose RICE	2lbs.	15c	Van Camps' HOMINY	No. 2 can No. 2½ can	7c 10c
White House Evaporated MILK	Small	5c 10c	GOLD DUST	Small, 2 for Large	7c 25c
Toilet Paper Waldorff	2 rolls	13c	Scottissue Toilet Paper	roll	10c
Red Alaska SALMON	tall can	27c	SALMON	Chums Pinks	15c 17c
Van Camp's SAUER KRAUT	Medium Large	10c 13c	Campbell's Tomato Soup	3 cans	25c
Sweet, Meaty, Large Size PRUNES	2 lbs.	25c	Seeded or Seedless RAISINS	2 pkgs.	25c
Clicquot or Silver King GINGER ALE	bot.	17c	A. J. or Pillsbury Pancake Flour	2 pkgs.	25c
Log Cabin SYRUP	1s 2¼s	24c 49c	Del Monte ASPARAGUS TIPS		19c
NUCOA OLEO	lb.	25c	NUTLEY OLEO	lb.	19c
Standard Pack PEACHES	lge. can	19c	Broken Sliced PINEAPPLE	lge. can	23c
Baker's COCOA	½ lb. Can	23c	Hershey's COCOA	1-2-lb. can	15c
Blue Ribbon Malt Syrup	lge. can	68c	Del Monte PEACHES	lge. can	25c
CREAM MEAL	5s 10s	15c 30c	COFFEE Maxwell House	lb.	48c
Blue Ribbon MAYONNAISE	3½-oz 8-oz	12c 24c	Libby's Apple Butter	lge. can	23c
MATCHES Large boxes	2 for	9c	PEANUT BUTTER	lb.	19c
Marshallows	10-oz Pound	25c 29c	Hershey's Almond Bars	each	4c

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AT WHOLESALE COST

TO QUIT BUSINESS!

LILLARD'S MISSISSIPPI STORE
N. E. Corner Square Decatur, Texas

Two Big StocKs
Beginning

LILLARD & COMPANY
East Side Square Decatur, Texas

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

I will place my two entire stocks of Dry Goods and Hardware on sale

at Wholesale Cost to Quit Business

Every item in Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Furnishings, Piece-goods, Hats, Millinery, Rugs, Linoleum, Hardware, Queensware, Stoves, Implements, Sporting Goods, Radios. In fact every piece of merchandise in these mammoth stocks are to be slaughtered and closed out at wholesale cost.

Offering Only the Standard Quality Merchandise at Wholesale Cost

should mean much to the buying public of Wise and the adjoining counties. Such an opportunity as this seldom comes, which should be ample inducement for you to supply your needs, not only for the present---but for months to come!

No Goods Will be Charged to Anyone!

S. A. LILLARD

LILLARD'S MISSISSIPPI STORE
N. E. Corner Square Decatur, Texas

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SOUTHWESTERN 50 TELEPHONES INDEPENDENT 45

Friday Morning, February 18, 1927

A lantern jawed man is not necessarily light headed.

■

The channel cats are flopping in the streams in Wonderful Wise.

■

A little more property rendition, Mayor Ward; the old machine can not function with the present limited supply of oil.

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A Kentucky woman, who is the mother of nineteen children, is suing for a divorce. It took her a long time to find out that she had married the wrong man.

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Governor Moody has made one mistake in making appointments—when he refused to give that game commissioner's plum to the Decatur applicant he fell short.

■

Senator Tom Love's amnesty bill has hit a snag in the shape of a number of Jim Ferguson admirers. One senator was so cruel as to refer to the Dallas senator's measure as political propaganda.

■

What about the seven mile of road on the Thirty-Ninth Highway, west from Decatur, gentlemen of the commissioners court? What is to be done toward building this [illegible] of a perfectly good highway?

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A Dallas man left Los Angeles, California, the other day with $28,000 in currency. Soon after leaving the California city he disappeared. A few days later a bag of money was found near a public road in New Mexico. Dallas friends of the missing man have instituted an investigation.

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"Absent minded" would be the mildest term we could use to apply to a man who would lay all material in his furnace and neglect to apply a match. But the merchant who fills his store with goods and does not advertise has the disease in a more dangerous form.

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Men are just like hogs. [illegible] tasteful [illegible] When a hog [illegible] other hog will trot along behind him and squeal and whine and beg and toady for a bite; but let the front hog get in a fight with his head fast in a crack and every one of the others will jump on him and tear him to pieces. And it's just so with men. As long as a man is prosperous and has plenty of money he can't keep friends off with a baseball bat; but the moment he is unfortunate and his wealth is gone he is not only snubbed by his alleged friends but they at once begin to do him all the harm possible. When a man starts up grade the world falls in behind and pushes. When he starts down grade the world steps to one side and greases the track. [illegible]

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Steve Lillard, Jr.

The following tribute [illegible] A. Lillard, Jr. [illegible] Times [illegible] Dallas [illegible]

"Steve A. Lillard [illegible] empire [illegible] innumerable [illegible] shores [illegible] ever [illegible] years [illegible] county [illegible] was [illegible] of the county [illegible] was ever loyal to his friends. He [illegible] a worthy son of a worthy sire. The son of a man who has done more than any other man in Wise county to uplift and develop its agriculture, its minerals and its churches and schools, Steve Lillard was of the same calibre. From the time he set foot in Ranger until called he was ever on the lookout and helped in the development of this town. He was the father of many moves that are worthy. He always responded when called upon to aid every worthy cause and gave of his valuable time and money to aid them.

"In [illegible] square [illegible] which [illegible] out [illegible] aid [illegible] and [illegible] friend in [illegible]

"To him [illegible] poor [illegible] looked for [illegible]

"In his death [illegible] citizen [illegible] Ranger [illegible] leader [illegible] and [illegible]

Advertising.

An advertiser, Lane Medicine Company, with headquarters in Mansfield, Ohio, writes the Messenger an honest-to-goodness confession when solicited to pay a little advertising account. The master mind of the company, George L. Lane, takes his pen in hand and writes:

"Gentlemen: I am ashamed to admit, but I must admit that I made the mistake of placing so many ads I can not now pay. Returns so low; I can not give what I do not have. Impossible, but will do the best I can. Pay just as soon as possible."

If Mr Lane had selected his advertising medium with care, after an investigation of the publication's bona fide circulation, and had patronized only those papers that had a real subscription list, he would not today be "ashamed to admit" his inability to pay his advertising account. There are too many weekly newspapers in the country that are not worth a red copper cent as advertising mediums—too many claiming circulation they can not produce if called to do so by the advertiser. Too many carry padded lists of "deadheads" who publishers know would not give a dime a year for the paper.

Mr Lane came to grief because he did not investigate newspaper circulations. Had all his publications "come clean" with him and contracted for his advertising on bona fide circulation as the Messenger did, his company would have met its account promptly.

The newspaper that takes the advertiser's money under a false statement of circulation is little better than the common hold-up institution. The editor who claims twelve or fifteen hundred subscribers, when his books will show his publication hasn't one-fourth that number, should herd with stick-up men. Until a law is passed making it a stiff finable offense for a newspaper man to lie about his paper circulation, the popular publications will suffer along with the inferior papers.

In Decatur there is only one newspaper with a bona fide subscription list—the Messenger is the only publication in Decatur with an actual honest-to-goodness paid-up subscription list; no free list, no delinquents. It has [illegible] times more readers than any other paper published in its home town.

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The recent grand jury, in its final report to Judge McKinney, recommended that an auditing of the county's books be made. It is understood [illegible] department [illegible]

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A member of the recent grand jury says that as he has been in the county a good [illegible] fifty-five years, and he thought he had a fair knowledge of what has been going on in the county. A [illegible] or two with the jury convinced him that he knows nothing whatever concerning the time and the people [illegible] "Conditions [illegible] are startling [illegible] what I heard [illegible] the conduct of some of our [illegible] officials [illegible]," he stated.

On the Street

(concluded from page one)

should tell our sheriff and he will look after it. If the authorities will delegate the sheriff or a deputy from his office to take care of such characters in the city they will be taught a lesson and a bad condition will be corrected. Something should be done."

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DR. C. G. COMEGYS of McKinney, is the new member of the board of directors of the Texas Technological College. He was named by Governor Dan Moody to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth. Dr. Comegys, according to press dispatches, is vice president of the First National Bank of McKinney, president of the Collin county bankers institute and identified with many business institutions of his home city. Editor of the Messenger and George (Baldy) Comegys were boys together in Denton, and with the mention of his name we can see with our mind's eye the ol' swimmin' hole down in the Carroll pasture; the meets nightly of the Oak street gang of boys, and the battles we staged with bois d'arc balls. And, down the street lived Mr. Gum Greenlee, proud possessor of a palatial home, but who positively refused to grade the street in front of his residence. 'Member, Baldy, how we would equip miniature boats and float them on the puddle of water in that street, with placards, "Boat to let, by Gum?" And the discovery by Mr Greenlee; then the residents of Oak street would be treated to one of the most vociferous cussin' sprees a swearing man could stage. But, that's that. George; congratulations; Governor Moody has selected very wisely.

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"AM ENCLOSING clippings, which I trust will be at least of passing interest to you. Am making some progress in the real estate business in Amarillo, and we are looking forward to doing some big things in the spring and summer," writes Mrs J. Gladnes Short of Amarillo, to a Decatur friend. The clippings were taken from an Amarillo newspaper, one a picture of Mrs. Short and one of her partners, Mrs. Carrie W. Downing, of the Sorrell-Short Realty Company; the second clipping is a list of bargains the ladies are offering home seekers. Mrs. Short will be remembered by Decatur people, as she was a prominent resident of the town for many years, as school teacher and club member. "There seems to be no limit in the oil development in this section."

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EDGAR BLEWETT, prominent grain dealer in Fort Worth, was here Sunday. "This is my first visit to Decatur in more than twenty years," he said to a Messenger reporter. "My business calls me to other sections of the state. I remember many of the old timers and it seems that the old town has been steadily improving. I have always thought that the best people on earth live in Decatur, and I suppose that I will always consider it my old home town," Mr. Blewett said. He is son of the late George Blewett, prominent land owner and cattle dealer in Decatur in the long ago. The Blewett family moved from Decatur to Denton, where Mr. Blewett engaged in the banking business, being one of the original stock holders in the Denton County National Bank.

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, February 12, 1887.

John Brady of Baldwin, Kansas, is visiting his brother, Judge Brady, of this place.

◇

Jim Couch, an old and well known citizen of this county, died on Thursday of last week.

◇

There has been some excitement recently of the discovery of platinum near the Rosenburg mill.

◇

It is said our county will get four hundred and fifty dollars worth of seed from the congressional appropriation for Texas.

◇

The famous Jim Courtwright was shot and killed last Tuesday night near the White Elephant saloon in Fort Worth by Luke Short, a sportsman.

◇

Sheriff Mann passed thru Rhome on February 5th enroute to Fort Worth with two prisoners, supposed to be the men who robbed the Denver train in December.

◇

On last Tuesday evening Deputy Marshal North killed a two-year-old steer in a vacant house on East Main street that had shown symptoms of hydrophobia.

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A stern policeman grasped an intoxicated gentleman by the shoulder.

"Here, you, come along with me," he commanded.

"Nope," retorted the inebraited one with decision. "I'm sup'stitious 'bout takin' walks with cops. Ever' time I ever took a walk with a cop I got locked up. But, Me—Thank you jus' th' shame."

"How long do you want to enlist for?" asked the recruiting sarge.

"Duration," replied the applicant.

"Duration? They ain't no war."

"War, hell! Duration of peace!"

The ground in Siberia freezes to a depth of one hundred feet.

Maybe the news expression, "gate robber," needs a question mark after it. That depends upon the police department.—Savannah News.

A Swedish castle built in 1499 contained a central heating plant in the basement with conduits thru the walls.

Too Much "Acid?"

Excess Uric Acid Gives Rise to Many Unpleasant Troubles.

AUTHORITIES agree that an excess of uric acid is primarily due to faulty kidney action. Retention of this toxic material often makes its presence felt by sore, painful joints, a tired, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backache and headache. That the kidneys are not functioning right is often shown by scanty or burning passage of secretions. Thousands assist their kidneys at such times by the use of *Doan's Pills*—a stimulant diuretic. *Doan's* are recommended by many local people. *Ask your neighbor!*

DOAN'S PILLS 60c

Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys

Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

Signed by the-
Chief Chemist!

From carefully selected raw materials to finished Lone Star Cement, the Chemist controls the process of manufacture. His word is law; the last trace of guesswork has been eliminated in the manufacture of this super-quality product.

Every bag of Lone Star Cement is covered by a written guarantee. A plain, honest guarantee without any "ifs" or "buts". The chief chemist signs the guarantee because he has proven the super-quality of the product.

Next time you are in the neighborhood come into our office and see the certificate which guarantees the super-quality of the cement that goes on your job.

C. D. SHAMBURGER
LUMBER COMPANY

East Main Street Decatur, Texas

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
LONE STAR
CEMENT

Lone Star Cement is made by the
Texas Portland Cement Company
Dallas-Houston, Texas
Subsidiary of International Cement Corporation

ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION AND FAT STOCK SHOW FORT WORTH MAR. 5—12

REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

February 22nd.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S birthday. We pause in respect to the memory of that great father of Independence.

Independence—what a wonderful thing for our country.

How the ringing of the Liberty bell must have gladdened the hearts of our forefathers!

INDEPENDENCE—PROSPERITY

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

S. A. LILLARD, President

Decatur, Texas

Would You Do This?

IF YOU owned a Ford business, and a man like you came in to see about terms on a car, would you let him walk away, or would you make it possible for him to DRIVE out?

Now we are just as eager for business as you would be, and just as much inclined to help any honest man own a Ford car.

We will make any terms, within the bounds of good business, that are required in any case to fit a man's pocketbook.

We've made it possible, and even easy, for literally thousands of people to own Ford Cars who never really thought they could.

Regardless of where you live or what you do, we invite you to come in and talk with us about terms that you can meet. We don't believe there is any need for you to wait another day. It is much easier for you to pay while you ride than it is to save while you walk.

Decatur Motor Co.

"Complete Automotive Service"

N. Trinity Street Decatur, Texas

FARM SHORT COURSES IN FOUR COMMUNITIES

Week of farm meetings to be conducted in four county communities the first week in March, under name of the farm short course, is apt to encounter a busy season if the weather is fair enough and the ground is in right condition to be worked. The attendance may be cut somewhat on that account. It is anticipated, however, that these meetings are going to prove attractive to that large group of farm people who have become seriously concerned to learn more about the great industry in which they are engaging themselves.

New and valuable facts are coming to light all the while in respect to farming in the same way that new developments are emerging in all our human industries. Doctors, lawyers, dentists and the practitioners of all professions, as well as business men, bankers and industrial managers, dare not fail in these days of rapid changes and progress to keep step with what is going forward in their professions. That is the reason for the holding of the unbroken stream of meetings, conventions, schools and gatherings of every description. Men attend these to learn the latest facts about the callings they are engaged in and from which they gain their livlihood. The farmer is in the same boat. Neither can he afford to neglect opportunities to learn more about his business. The truth is that no other calling demands more in the way of efficiency, preparation and understanding than does the industry of agriculture on the part of those who are engaged in it.

For this reason, regardless of how busy a farmer may be, he can well afford to take the day off and attend at least one of these all day farm meetings when they come along. Qualified men are going to be there to teach and demonstrate in the knowledge that will prove valuable to those who will come and learn.

Another consideration is that there will be no expense attached other than the obligation of each to provide his own lunch. Members of other professions are obliged to pay transportation and other charges, and often a fee to the instructor for knowledge; while for the occasion of these county farm schools the only cost will be the gas to get to the location of the meeting and the noon meal.

It is announced by the county agent, [illegible] C. Jameson, home demonstration agent, Miss Alma Sims, and Decatur chamber of commerce, which will sponsor the meetings, that probably six extension specialists and experts from Texas A. & M. College and the Fort Worth & Denver railroad will conduct the programs, giving out instruction and demonstrations in the major departments in which he people have an interest.

A strong department will be that which appeal to women and girls, subjects dealing with the main interest of the home, to be handled by one of the leading woman specialists of A. & M. College.

Dates and places of the meetings are as follows: Tuesday, March 1st, at Red Willow consolidated school, in the western part of the county; Wednesday, March 2nd, Lawrence Goodger's farm, about two miles northeast of Boyd; Thursday, March 3rd, Ed Pas[illegible]'s farm, about one mile east of Bridgeport on the Cuba road; Friday, March 4th, C. C. McDaniel's farm, near Greenwood. Meetings will begin at ten o'clock a. m. and last thru out the day at each location. Leading agents for adaptable tools and implements will furnish latest machinery for construction in the terracing part of the short courses.

Memories.

[illegible] an old cobble-stone school house
  not far away.
Sat an old, white headed teacher with
  his country students gay;
With great knowledge he was trying
  hard indeed
To show them how to sow the seed
  with his training their future life
  lead.
And he told them of the morrow that
  may be crowded with sorrow,
When the veil is swept away;
Of life's book, with hidden meaning,
  while on earth he is but screaming
But O the truth it will display
I wandered to that old school ground
  and sat beneath the tree
Near the same little town, where we
  were all care free;
That old school house is torn down
  and the stones are rolled away,
And some of the ones we used to see
  died forty years ago.
But time and tide wait for no man!
Where is now that merry party, I remember, long ago,
Laughing round the Christmas fire
  brightened by its rudy glow?
They have all dispersed and wandered
  far away, far away!
But one land mark still stands as a
  jewel in fit setting
With its rich back ground of flowers,
I wish I were gifted. I would take the
  perfume from those flowers and
  with thie consecrated life of this
  man,
Who has gone on before us, thru marriage, was my first ideal wedding
  the old Indian post at Jacksboro,
With the long, cross shaped table,
  laden with dainty sweets;
Pen could not describe the dainty bride
  and groom and the pleasure of
  that trip. —Ida Battle Turner,
4318 Bowser Street, Dallas, Texas.

Letters from the People

Booster for New Mexico.

Messenger Editors,—I am a reader of your paper, tho I live many miles away. I was born and reared in Wise county, and am the son of Col. W. J. Mann. I was named after Judge J. W. Patterson who used to be county judge of Wise county.

I drifted west and landed in this neck of the woods seven years ago. Will say I found this to be a fine country, with plenty of room, as it is not crowded with cotton farms yet. It is a good farming country and is excellent for stock raising. Some of our cattle are now fat enough for beef and have not been fed any this winter.

I have just received the Messenger dated January 28th, and noticed in it accounts of the death of two more old time pioneer citizens, which I regret, but they seem to be passing on to their rewards pretty fast. There are just a few of the old pioneers left to tell their stories now. I also noticed there is some oil excitement in dear old Wise county, which I am glad to hear. There is quite a bit of wild-catting in these parts, and we heard today that oil had been struck near Boyce City, Oklahoma, which is about a hundred miles north of here. And to the southeast of us, at Romero, Texas, conditions look favorable for oil. Of course that is still in the Lone Star state, but surely just a five wire fence which marks the line between Texas and New Mexico would make no difference in the oil formations under old mother earth.

I for one am a booster for New Mexico. We have good roads, good schools, good churches and the best climate you ever lived in; atmosphere is pure and is not filled with malaria such as is found in the east.

I do not know just why I am writing this, but I think it is because I want to show my appreciation for the Messenger by writing a few lines. Getting the Messenger is like receiving a letter from home, and it affords me great pleasure to read it. Keep the good old paper coming. J. Pat Mann, Amistad, New Mexico.

The Dr. Norris Issue.

It is not the purpose to discuss Dr. Norris here, except incidentally. He is not the real issue. The issue is the principles involved that have brought him into the limelight. It is important that we make proper distinction between men and measures. If there is sin in the life of a man, let him be saint or otherwise, let us hate the sin but love the sinner. This is the spirit of Christ. It is human to err but divine to forgive.

Dr. Norris is a type of man that makes many enemies, while at the same time, has a host of friends and sympathizers. By his enemies he is considered a disturber of the peace and has made mistakes. Who that has accomplished anything worth while has not made mistakes? By what standard should we judge men and their works? The Scriptures tell us, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

For eighteen years he has been in his present pastorate, battling all manner of sin and "wickedness in high places." His work has gone forward by leaps and bounds, even over the bitterest of opposition. The leaders of the evil forces have left nothing undone in their effort to destroy him and drive him off the field. How do we account for his unprecedented success? Will any presume to say his work is spurious, only superficial, or that it is due to his sensational methods? Then give us more sensational preaching. It is the judgment of this humble scribe that the Gospel he preaches is as sound as that proclaimed by Paul who puts such stress upon the importance of "sound doctrine."

What are some of the fruits of his ministry? He has one of the largest churches in our nation and, it is claimed, the largest Sunday school in the world. Since the unfortunate tragedy that occurred in July more than a thousand members have been added to his church, and on the first Sunday after his acquittal more than one hundred and fifty were received into their fellowship. All his services are evangelistic and great numbers are being saved. Should we not be slow to condemn a work like this, to lay hands on a man whom the Lord is so manifestly using? Let us beware, and give heed to the wise counsel of Gamaliel the Pharisee, to the persecutors of the apostles and the churches: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone, for if this work is of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye can not overthrow it, lest ye be found fighting against God."

To mention a few things that have stirred the bitter opposition to this pastor evangelist: He has all these years been in the forefront of the militant forces against what the Bible terms "the world, the flesh and the devil." He lead the fight against horse racing and gambling at our Dallas Fair, and succeeded in its overthrow; took up the fight in his own city against the pool halls and the wicked dives of immorality in the so-called "red light district." He fought for the elimination of the false theory of evolution from the text books of our tax supported schools, which theory denies the Genesis account of creation and teaches that man is a descendant of the monkey or other wild beasts of the jungle.

He is ever on the trail of the bootlegger and the rum-runner, and has faithfully and boldly withstood the powers of the demons from the pit, who have combined their forces to bring the cause of prohibition into disrepute and destroy it. In all this he has demonstrated that he is the real friend to our boys and girls and to the suffering women and children who have been the victims of the accursed liquor traffic and other demoralizing influences.

Again referring to his work as a minister: He believes the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation is God's Word, and that it was "given by inspiration of God," spoken by holy men of old "as the Spirit gave them utterance." Let it here be said, in these latter days many do not so accept the scriptures. Especially is this true in the north.

Formerly the Ingersolls, the Tom Paynes, Spencers and Huxleys openly and from the outside denounced christianity as a delusion, and the Bible as a fable and the work of men; but in these latter days the devil has fallen upon a more effective plan to deceive and overthrow the faith of the unsuspecting. This class of infidels and false leaders are now filling many of the leading pulpits of the north, and are teachers in their Bible schools and theological seminaries. They are "wolves in sheep's clothing," "ministers of satan appearing as angels of light." On that field these ministers of the powers of darkness, have made such rapid progress of late years they are now aggressive and defiant. They deny every fundamental principle of the christian religion from the inspiration of the scriptures, the virgin birth and deity of Christ, to the atoning merit of His shed blood for the redemption of lost men. Let us beware and not conclude that our beloved southland is immune from the curse and blight of this satanic doctrine. Their leaders have covetous eyes upon our field for exploitation.

It is Dr. Norris' aggressive fight against this bragging, boasting Philistine, Goliath, known as "modernism," that has brought on his opposition from many of our leaders in the religious realm, they regarding him as a disturber of the peace, not believing his manner of attack upon this evil justified by the facts.

But under existing conditions can we afford to cry, "Peace, peace," when a deadly, destructive enemy is at our door, seeking to destroy that which is more precious to us than our life's blood, which priceless inheritance cost the Son of God His agony in Gethsemane and his suffering and death on Calvary? Did our United States keep the peace when the wicked ambitions of a foreign potentate moved him to seek to enslave and subject all other nations and peoples to his domination?

John the Baptist and all the apostles were by a certain class regarded as disturbers of the peace. They brought on trouble everywhere they went; were persecuted, beaten, jailed, suffering all sorts of indignities, and finally martyrdom. They did not hesitate to say, "Thou art the man." The Bible tells us that it is our business to "destroy the works of the devil." Fallible, erring men is the only agency employed by God for this responsible, glorious task. We are also told, "All that will live godly shall suffer persecution." An easy, peaceful time is not promised God's faithful messengers. Just the opposite.

These days, as it seems, the devil is in a rage, exceedingly mad. When were there ever so many brutal murders? Robberies, bribery, greed and graft on every hand. Human life is no more to these bloody assassins than that of a dog. And the present generation seems to be obsessed with the false idea that the chief purpose of life is to have a so-called good time. We are going wild after the sports and entertainments of the day. Will we call a halt? Let us be warned by the fate of Greece, Rome and Babylon who played, sported and revelled themselves into destruction.

In view of these conditions, are not God's ministers who are set as "watchmen on the wall," who are admonished to "cry aloud and spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their sins"—are they not justified in making John the Baptist assaults upon the strongholds of satan, even tho it does stir up strife and disturb the peace? Passive or soft pedal methods will not accomplish the most in these days of real warfare against the determined forces of perdition. Christ Himself said, I came not to bring peace upon the earth, but a sword; "suppose ye that I come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay, but rather division."—J. E. Boyd.

Hon. Cato Sells to Talk on Enforcement of Law

Hon. Cato Sells of Fort Worth, commissioner of Indian affairs during the administration of Woodrow Wilson, will deliver an address on the third Sunday in March at the Methodist church in Decatur on "Law Enforcement and the Crime Wave."

Judge Sells is one of the great men of our nation and the patriotic citizens of Texas fully appreciate him.

Other churches in the city will dismiss their congregations on that day so they may attend and listen to the address on this timely issue.

Building operations in the United States during 1926 were the largest in history, totaling approximately seven billion dollars, according to published statistics.

Eight Million Dollars in State Treasury Feb. 1st

Balance in the state treasury at Austin at the close of business on January 31st was $8,836,059, according to a statement by Treasurer W. G. Hatcher. The balance to credit of the general revenue fund was $1,945,078.

Balances in other important funds were given as: Available school fund, $2,611,433; permanent school fund, $480,739; highway fund, $2,718,803; prison commission fund, $100,000; text book fund, $312,362; special game fund, $404,773; federal vocation fund, $95,801; available University of Texas fee fund, $229,742; permanent University of Texas fund, $25,026; University of Texas building fund, $38,702.

An educational campaign is being conducted in the Phillipines which has for its aim the wiping out of illiteracy in five years.

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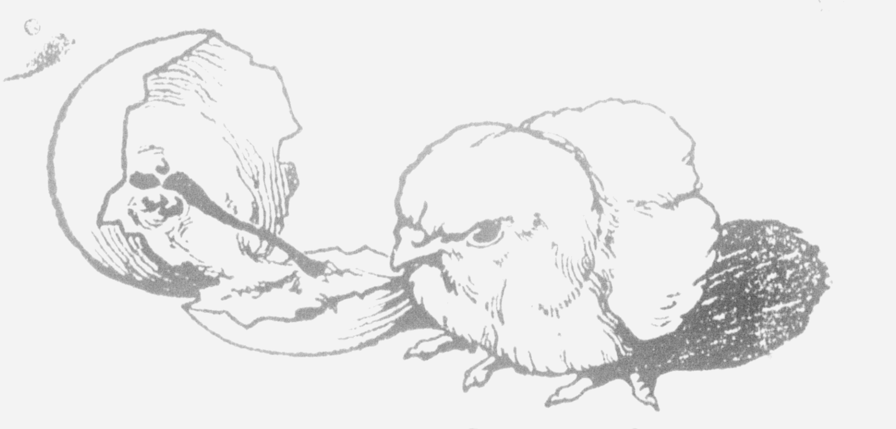

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Now It's Up To You.

I am a baby chick just out of the egg. Nature has filled my little bread basket with enough food to last 72 hours. Then it's up to you.

If you feed me a dirty mash or table scraps, I'll probably die.

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WE MAKE THE PRICES --- OTHERS FOLLOW

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PEAS	California Black Eye 4 lbs.	24c
BREAD	Walker's Big Dandy—Every day in the Week—per loaf	8c

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County Pioneer Died at Alvord on Wednesday

A. T. Scott, one of the pioneer citizens of the [illegible]stown community, northwest of Decatur, died Wednesday in Alvord, following a few days' illness. Mr. Scott was trading in Alvord when he was stricken. His condition was so bad that he could not be removed to his home and Wednesday he passed away. The remains were taken to [illegible] and Wednesday afternoon funeral services and burial were held in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Mr. Scott [illegible] a resident of that [illegible] for a long number of years and [illegible] held in the highest [illegible] knew him.

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ENGLISH White Leghorn cockerels at bargain prices; eggs set each Tuesday and hatchings of baby chicks coming each Thursday.—DECATUR WHITE LEGHORN RANCH. (14f)

FOUR 400-egg Queen incubators for sale; double [illegible], automatic egg turners; good condition and priced reasonably.—BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas. (24f)

FOR SALE—[illegible] Baby chicks from prize winning and bred-to-lay Rhode Island reds, [illegible] from mating [illegible]—BOYD POULTRY FARM, Boyd, Texas. [illegible]

FOR SALE—[illegible] with [illegible]—[illegible] GENTRY, Decatur, Texas. (7)

FOR [illegible] balloon [illegible] resembles [illegible] sold [illegible] to sell quick; cash or terms. If interested call or write this office for demonstration.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—I have a number of farms from eighty acres up in West Texas to trade or sell; also residences and business houses well located; new apartment house with twenty-eight rooms, small debt, doing good business in Lubbock, to deal for good residence in Decatur, or [illegible] piece of property. If you want to go to West Texas this is the time.—J. W. BAILEY, Decatur, Texas. (8)

GOOD SEED OATS for [illegible] (7)

FOR SALE—[illegible] bull [illegible] Decatur. [illegible]

FOR SALE OR TRADE—[illegible] heifer [illegible] GILLILAND, Decatur, Texas. (7)

RHODE ISLAND RED eggs [illegible] sixteen [illegible] 75 [illegible] $3.50 per 100.—R. A. MASON, [illegible] route two, Decatur, Texas. (8)

FOR SALE—Plenty of good, [illegible] seed oats, near Johnson [illegible] good corn.—[illegible] S. W. [illegible] VAN METER, Decatur. (8)

FOR SALE—[illegible] good [illegible] W. H. [illegible]MASON [illegible]

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FOR LEASE

[illegible] W. H. STROUD. (8)

WANTED

WANTED—To [illegible] Wise pasture [illegible] Decatur [illegible] to buy some Jersey heifers under two years of age. Phone [illegible] or see him at ranch. (8)

WANTED—To trade for White Leghorn hens, cows or yearlings: one Wegman piano, one Chicago Cottage organ and one good Singer sewing machine, all in A-1 condition. D. A. machine, good saddle; all in A-1 condition.—D. A. SHINN, Decatur. (7)

WANTED—About fifty head of stock to graze on wheat pasture; good grazing, $1.00 per month; nine miles east of Decatur.—RUFUS PITTS, route six, Decatur. (7)

WANTED—Good second hand buggy with top; also harness.—JOE HOLT, Decatur. (7)

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Poland China pig, seven weeks old. Notify W. A. GILL. (7)

LOST—License car plate No. 984,000; please return to WALLACE BRADY, court house. (7)

PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR FIFTH MONTH

Following is the honor roll for the Decatur public schools for month ending February 11th:

Miss Hogg's first grade—Claude Blackburn, H. M. H[illegible], S. T. Frank and Eva Burton; second grade—Alf Brown, Frederal Evans, Rex A. Gage, C. B. Hoyl, Silas [illegible] Morris, Owen Tom Shaw, John S[illegible], Marshall Stepp, Mary Ann Green, [illegible] Richter and Elizabeth [illegible].

Miss Reeves' [illegible] W[illegible] Sensibaugh, [illegible], Eaton [illegible] Montgomery; second grade—Martha Virginia Bell, [illegible], Lattie May Groves, Mildred Taylor, [illegible] Woody, Walter [illegible] and Woodrow Starr.

Mrs. C[illegible] grade—Tom Patterson, Watson Clift, [illegible] Warren Lillard, [illegible] B. Blackburn, [illegible] third grade—John Hogg[illegible].

Miss Ford's third grade—Inez Lee Mann; fourth grade—Barnes Bottrill, J. Earl Douglass, Zack Lillard, Billie Tilghman, Noble Vernor, Mary Ruth Patton, Juanita Stepp, Nanette Taylor and Edna Jo Walker.

Miss Robertson's [illegible] Fred Mooney, [illegible] Murrell, [illegible] fourth grade—Miller [illegible], Mary Ruth Poe, [illegible] Maxine Longmire, Lydia Alice M[illegible], Elizabeth Bell and Beatrice Reed[illegible].

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BAPTIST CHURCH

About [illegible] hundred dollars was subscribed last Sunday morning to the conquest campaign. It is hoped that subscription will amount to five thousand before the campaign is over.

Rev. J. Walton Moore, a returned missionary from China, will preach next Sunday morning, and the pastor will preach at seven-thirty p. m.

The choir rendered some very fine special music last Sunday. A large congregation was present at the evening [illegible].—R. F. B[illegible], Pastor.

Many Eastland County Friends Attend Funeral

[illegible] Ranger, Cisco and Eastland were Raymond [illegible] Sullivan, G. A. Murphy, C. A. [illegible], John Thurman, C. L. May, E. H. M[illegible], Dr. A. E. Duffer, C. H. [illegible], A. J. Ratliff, J. A. [illegible], M. B. Cook, J. [illegible] Matthews, Louis Flock, J. D. Garrison, Ed Mahon, Ray Newnham, West Marchbanks, V. V. Cooper, Harry Houston, W. R. Bowen, Jerome McLester, Walter Harwell, R. L. Hodge, Vernon Dotebach, Ray [illegible]

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Ousted Legislator Will Be a Candidate Again

H. H. Moore, ousted member of the Texas legislature, has returned to his home in Cooper, and after conference with a number of his friends in Delta county, has announced that he is a candidate for re-election at the election to be held March 5th.

Moore said that he "had faithfully represented his district," and that he "had been the victim of a frame-up by special interests" and that he would wage a vigorous campaign before the people whom he has represented.

His friends have arranged for his opening speech to be made at Cooper Saturday afternoon.

Mac[illegible] W. T. Green, Tom [illegible] and Thurmond Hudnall of R[illegible] were here Sunday to attend the funeral of S. A. Lillard, Jr.

Roy Stocks Selected as Local C. of C. Director

Roy Stocks, leading breeder of pure bred Jersey cattle and leading dairy farmer, was elected to fill a vacancy on the board of directors of the local chamber of commerce Monday night. Mr. Stocks is one of the leading Jersey breeders of Texas, owns a federal accredited herd of outstanding quality and conducts a successful dairy, and is expected to make a useful member of the chamber of commerce.

Just at present he is doing the rather unusual thing of conducting his dairy enterprise on feeds produced on his farm almost exclusively.

Ray Reed of Fort Worth spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Douglas of Rhome visited relatives here Sunday.

Oscar Shaw Has Lead in "Upstage," Feature

Films have captured another footlight favorite. Oscar Shaw, leading man for the past two years in Sam Harris' and Irving Berlin's "Music Box Review," plays the male lead opposite Norma Shearer in "Upstage," which will be the screen feature at the Majestic here next Thursday and Friday nights.

The story, which is an original of vaudeville life written by Walter De Leon, demanded a leading man of the George M. Cohan "song and dance" type, and after a canvass of New York stage it was decided that Shaw would best fill the part.

Monta Bell directed [illegible] starring vehicle for Miss Shearer.

Rev. J. C. Boyd and wife of Fort Worth, were Decatur visitors Sunday.

C. V. Terrell of Austin attended the funeral of Steve Lillard here Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Tyson was in Bowie this week on business.

Miss Ruby Tyson visited friends in Fort Worth last week.

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Spring Modes in Footwear

Featuring the latest modes to arrive at this store—the newest creations in the shoe making industry, all at unusually low prices considering the quality. Rose blush, parchment and patent are about equally good for spring, and you will find it will pay you to shee our stock before you buy —$4.95, $6.00 and $6.50.

New Hosiery for Spring Wear

From Phoenix and Van Raalte we have secured new hosiery of popular texture in shades and styles to be worn for every occasion, with every costume. A very wide range of colors has been secured, insuring you a perfect match for your shoes or costume. Reasonable range of prices—$1.00, $1.50, $1.95 and $2.50.

[illegible] LILLARD GOES TO [illegible]GER BANKING FIRM

[illegible] Lillard of Bridgeport, former [illegible] man and banker of Decatur, [illegible]ceeded his nephew, the late [illegible] A. Lillard, Jr., as active vice president of the Ranger State Bank, [illegible] dispatch from Ranger. Mr [illegible] entered on his duties Monday morning.

J. F., better known as "Hoss" to his hundreds of Decatur and Wise County friends, is one of the most industrious and progressive business men in this section of the state. For years he was connected with some of the biggest enterprises in Decatur, and since moving to Bridgeport, he has been recognized as one of the leaders in business affairs.

He is vice president and manager of the Bridgeport Brick Co., and he is also at the head of the Wise county conservation and improvement movement.

J. F. is an affable fellow and Ranger will find in him a man who will be found in the front rank in all movements looking to the betterment of the town and community.

Spencer Company Gets Second Good Producer

Judge Charles F. Spencer, president of the Oil Operators Trust, Inc., with headquarters in Fort Worth, has sent a statement to the stock holders of his company, stating that another well, making No. 2 in the Mounster field, in Cooke county, has been brought in. The new well is making one hundred and forty-five barrels per day on the pump, while the discovery well has settled down to fifty barrels per day.

The company, according to Judge Spencer's statement, owns three hundred and sixty acres in the Mounster field. Other wells will be put down. Other properties owned by the Operators Trust, Inc. are in the Arkansas [illegible]eld, in the Smackover district and [illegible]uisiana, and a valuable tract was [illegible]cently purchased in Carson county [illegible]r which the company paid $50,000. [illegible]dge Spencer was one of the first [illegible]rs in the Burkburnett field.

[illegible]rs. A. T. Franks Died at Paradise on Tuesday

Mrs. A. T. Franks, about fifty-four years old, died at her home in the [illegible] of Paradise Tuesday, and burial [illegible] place in the Paradise cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Franks came to Wise county in 1877 with her parents, and has been a citizen here ever since.

Mrs. Franks is a niece of Joe Hest of Decatur and was well known in all parts of the county.

[illegible] C. Faust Convicted of Murder in Montague

W. C. Faust was found guilty of murder in connection with the death of V. T. Reese by a jury in Montague county district court last Friday and his punishment assessed at five years in the state penitentiary.

Faust and Reese were fellow work[illegible] in the pumping plant of an oil [illegible]pany near Nocona last December. [illegible]he body of Reese was found at the [illegible]ase of a fly wheel. The state introduced evidence by which it was sought to show that there had been a quarrel between the two men over a young woman at the time of the tragedy.

Local Lawyers Give to Memorial for Davidson

[illegible]llowing lawyers of Wise county ha[illegible] have contributed twenty dollars as a contribution on the Davidson memorial fund, which is being sponsored by Attorney Walter Scott of Fort Worth: C. T. Gettys, A. B. Cates, M. W. Burch and J. V. Patterson.

In submitting the contribution, Hon. M. W. Burch of Decatur wrote: "We honor, revere and esteem the name of this great jurist and commend you in your unselfish efforts to commemorate the name of one of our profession who has scaled the ladder of scientific jus[illegible] to the height attained by Judge [illegible] L. Davidson."

Card of Thanks.

We deeply appreciate the words of sympathy spoken and the beautiful flowers sent by friends in our great sorrow.—"The Lillards."

The body of Mrs. N. A. Brannon, sixty-five years of age was shipped [illegible]ere Thursday from Quannah. Funer[illegible] services will be held this (Friday) [illegible]fternoon, three o'clock at Pleasant [illegible]ove.

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[illegible]he greatest discovery in flesh healing [illegible] the marvelous B[illegible]rozone, a preparation [illegible]at comes in liquid and powder form. [illegible] is a combination treatment that not [illegible]y purifies the wound of germs that [illegible]se infection but it heals the flesh with [illegible]aordinary speed. Bad wounds or [illegible] which take weeks to heal with the [illegible]nary liniments mend quickly under [illegible] powerful influence of this wonderful [illegible]edy. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and $1.20. [illegible]er 30c and 60c. Sold by

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Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Roy Robertson was hostess to the L. A. L. Club Wednesday evening. Forty-two was the diversion of the evening. Tiny hearts, containing the key to news, announced the engagement of the hostess' sister, Miss Buna Robertson, to Everett T. Dawson of West Columbia, which will take place on February 24th.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Bill Reeves, Buna Robertson, Maris Fergason, Alma Sims; Mmes. S. L. Hardwick, C. A. Reeves, W. T. Hill, Roy Workman and Archie Hoyl.

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Baptist W. M. S. Met in Circles.

Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in the respective circles at the following places:

Circle one met at the home of Mrs. T. F. Glossup at two o'clock. Mrs. J. L. Ward led an inspiring Bible lesson. Those who were present were: Mmes. E. Walker, J. B. Green, J. H. Gentry, J. M. Jones, J. L. Ward, W. F. Horton and the hostess.

Circle two met at the church, with nine members and one visitor present. Regular business was lead, followed by a Bible lesson on "Hannah." Those present were: Mmes. J. G. Gose, T. S. Williams, W. W. Boyd, D. I. Jones, H. L. Ward, C. C. Hooper, C. L. Christian and R. C. Nutting.

Circle three met at the church. A splendid lesson on the fourth and fifth chapters of acts, following the business session, was greatly enjoyed. Among those who attended were: Mmes. R. L. Blankenship, Johnnie McFarlin, A. D. Reeves and R. L. Hunt.

Mrs. T. H. Dunn entertained circle four at her home on South Lang street. During the business session it was voted to pay circle four's portion of the endowment fund. Mrs. Will Bowman led the devotional and Mrs. George Foster led the Bible lesson. Those who attended the meeting were: Mmes. T. L. Jones, George Foster, Mary Harris, J. W. Bailey, U. Blackburn, J. U. Thompson, L. B. Gill, Will Bowman and Stella Fergason.

Circle five met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. T. J. Dillehay on West Walnut street. After a missionary program, during which Mrs. Floyd Clifton led an interesting devotional, Valentine diversions entertained those present. Dainty refreshments were served to: Mmes. S. M. Ward, F. M. Rayzor, O. Richter, Joe Rogers, J. A. Simmons, W. P. Adams, Jack Walker, C. K. Wilkerson, Floyd Clifton, C. G. Stokes, Curren New, Bob Cates, R. S. Miller, C. B. Gunn, J. M. Jones and the hostess.

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Owl Club Studies Cowboy.

Miss Ada Harding was leader of a program on "The Texas Cowboy" at the Owl Club meeting Wednesday afternoon in the club house.

Mrs. B. A. Man read "The Cowboy." The roll call was answered by bits of cowboy sentiment, and Miss Mattie Baits discussed "John A. Lomax and His Work." Mrs. Oma Cartwright gave a splendid talk on "Frank Rangin and His Views of the Cowboy," which was followed by cowboy songs by Mrs. F. M. Kenny and Truett Wilson.

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Ash-Penry.

Gordon Ash and Miss Helen Penry were married Sunday at the home of the bride's mother in Denton.

Gordon is an industrious young man who has lived in this community for several years, but at the time of his marriage was living in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Ash, talented young lady, taught in Decatur high school during the school term of 1925-26.

They will make their future home in Wichita Falls.

Mission Study Class Met Monday.

Mission Study Class of the First Methodist Woman's Missionary Society held an interesting session on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. B. Van Meter.

Following the lesson, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Douglass, served refreshment to eighteen member who were present.

Miss Mecaskey Entertains.

Miss Lura Clay Mecaskey favored a number of friends Monday evening at her home with a Valentine party. After the guests arrived they went to the basketball game, Bridgeport high school vs. Alvord high school, at the armory. Upon their return J. L. "Mickey" McDaniel entertained.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Cathryn Ruth Helm, Isobelle Hunt, Minnie Pearl Arnett, Elizabeth Ann Harper, Marion Smith, Dorothy Patterson, Naomi Wright, Emma Dean Belew, Louise Strange, Orlena Davenport, Francis Lacey and Fannie Pearl Askey; Messrs. Basil Spain, Dowden Dillehay, Blake Workman, Will Hogg Greathouse, J. C. Blewett, J. H. Lynch, M. J. Vaughn, E. B. Melton, T. J. Elder, Jack Rieger and J. L. McDaniel.

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Miss Dillehay Is Hostess.

Miss Mildred Dillehay delightfully entertained the O. E. F. Club Friday evening at her home on West Main street. Misses Flora Reeves, Elmer Vernice Clark, Eva Jo Greer and Emma Dean Belew were selected for the club quartet.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Imogene Moore, Anna Floyce Cook, Marion Smith, Isabelle Hunt, Naomi Wright, Cathryn Ruth Helm, Minnie Pearl Arnett, Eva Jo Greer, Fannie Pearl Askey, Margaret Boyd, Emma Dean Belew, Annette McMordie, Flora Reeves and Alma Wilkerson.

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T. O. G. Club Met Friday.

T. O. G. Club met Friday afternoon at the home of Miss Virginia Patterson in East Decatur.

After the business session, tasty refreshments were served to: Misses Bess McMordie, Louise Greer, Maurine McCracken, Ava White, Fay Reeves.

Worth While Club.

Worth While Club met Thursday, February 10th, in the parlors of the Ingram Drug Company, with Mrs. J. J. Ingram as hostess.

On entering, punch was served by Miss Jessie Lee Ramsey. After a business session forty-two was played as the diversion of the afternoon. An iced course was served to sixteen members and several visitors.

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Announcements.

People of the Sweetwater community will hold the annual Sweetwater cemetery working February 22nd.

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L. A. L. Club will meet Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. T. Hill on West Main street.

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Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church will meet Monday evening at the home of Mrs. L. W. Tyler in Southeast Decatur.

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Owl Club will meet on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the club house on East Walnut street.

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Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk's office since our last issue:

Robert A. Cormak and Miss Opal Stewart; R. E. Bradford and Miss Mattie Zoe Kell; J. H. Perkins and Miss Ruth Sloan.

Dust clouds asphyxiated scores of persons in a storm in Paraguay, South America, recently.

Mrs. Lute Renshaw was seriously ill first of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of Fort Worth, were in the city this week.

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Misses Jacobina and Kathrein Burch of Nocana, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

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Miss Evelyn Helm of Fort Worth, was the week-end guest of Miss Cathryn Ruth Helm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ash moved last week to Wichita Falls, where they will make their home.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schneider of Bowie, were the guests of G. M. Slagle and family Sunday.

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S. D. Handly and wife of Bellevue, were week-end guests of Mrs. Wes Nobles, west of town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Scott and children, Baby Ruth and Bobbie, have returned to their home in Dallas, after several weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves and family.

J. P. Terrell of Temple, was in the city Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reid of Fort Worth, were here this week.

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Alvin Alland of Fort Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Alland.

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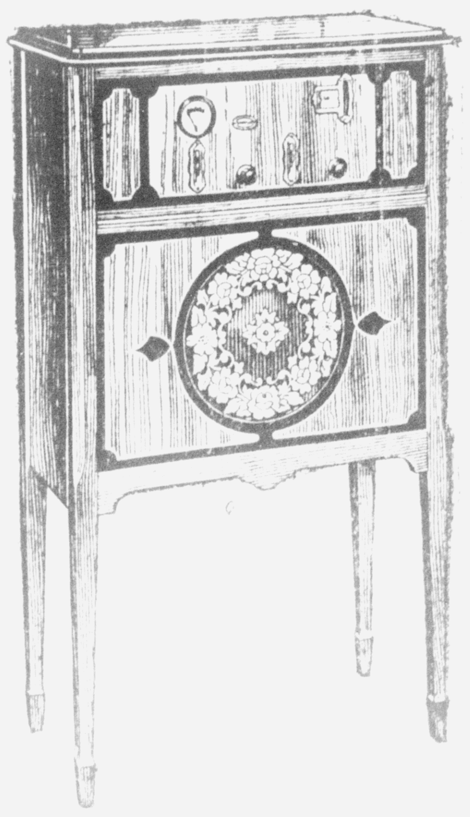

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Notes About Schools of Wise County

BY WALLACE GREGG, County Superintendent

Happenings of Interest and Activities Carried on by Institutions—Weekly Messenger Feature

J. B. McClung, state aid supervisor, completed inspection of the schools applying for state aid on last Friday and made out his allotments of aid on Saturday. The superintendent or the principal of each state aid school has been notified from this office of the amount allotted. Since the county was apportioned a less amount of aid than last year the average per school is less this year. The amount allotted each school was based on the actual [illegible] of the school and on the money available [illegible]. No school received the maximum amount of $1000, altho several showed a need for this much [illegible]. The state aid money will [illegible] sent out from Austin about some time after March 10th.

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Mr. McClung was very favorably impressed with the conditions found in most of the schools and expressed the opinion that the interest shown by trustees and patrons was above the average. Among the communities displaying unusual enthusiasm in the work of their schools may be mentioned: Keeter, Cottondale, Brumlow, Joe Bailey, Slidell, Briar and Roe. Other schools would have shown as much interest, no doubt, but for the bad weather during the last week of inspection. The supervisor found the following number of trustees and patrons present upon his visits last week: Paradise, four; Draco, four; Cottondale, fourteen; Lucky Ridge, three; Union Chapel, one; Hopewell, one; Garrett's Creek, two; Boonsville, four; Balsora, two; Audubon, one; Willow Point, two; Crafton, nine; Rock Springs, none; Elizabeth, [illegible]; Red Willow, none; Roe, eleven; [illegible]; and White Hill, three.

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Henry Crawford at Draco is using the Dallas News and the Farm and Ranch in connection with his class work. Robert Fletcher of the Draco school got a distance of thirty-three feet and eleven inches in the shot put. The rural schools have some excellent material to enter in the rural pentathlon at Decatur on March 19th. One of the boys at the Keeter school got a distance of thirty-five feet and seven inches with the shot put.

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In a hotly contested series of three games, the Alvord basketball team won two of the three games over Boyd. The last game on Saturday night was anybody's until the last minute of the play, the score standing 14 to 13 in Alvord's favor. Greenwood emerged winner over West Academy after a three game series, thus making Greenwood rural champion of the county. Greenwood and Alvord will this week meet to decide the county champion. The county champion will represent Wise county in the district meet to be held Friday and Saturday of this week at Denton.

A TRIBUTE TO THE UNKNOWN TEACHER.

And what of teaching? Ah, there you have the worst paid and the best rewarded of all the vocations. Dare not to enter it unless you love it. For the vast majority of men and women it has no promise of wealth or fame but they, to whom it is dear for its own sake, are among the nobility of mankind.

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war.

Famous educators plan new systems of pedagogy, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the young. He lives in obscurity and contends with hardship. For him no trumpets blare, no chariots wait, no golden decorations are decreed. He keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. Patient in his daily duty, he strives to conquer the evil powers which are the enemies of youth. He awakens sleeping spirits. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager and steadies the unstable. He communicates his own joy in learning and shares with boys and girls the best treasures of his mind. He lights many candles which, in later years, will shine back to cheer him. This is his reward.

Knowledge may be gained from books; but the love of knowledge is transmitted only by personal contact. No one has deserved better of the republic than the unknown teacher. No one is more worthy to be enrolled in a democratic aristocracy, "king of himself and servant of mankind."—Henry Van Dyke.

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Mrs. Zena Buckner, primary teacher in the Park Springs school, has a very interesting sand table project. Her little folks have made a model farm and they are now conducting a contest to determine what breeds of cattle, swine, horses and poultry shall be used in stocking the farm.

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Paradise Parent Teachers Association has installed a slide for the little folks of the school, and the children were showing their appreciation of the slide by making constant use of it when the school was visited last week.

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Crafton school has a very unusual exhibit of posters, model farms and peek boxes. One whole room is used for the exhibit. This display is the accumulation of projects carried out in connection with regular class work and it shows some very fine workmanship. Misses Myrtle Bass and Ella Faye Kendall are to be congratulated upon their splendid display and it is hoped that the whole county may see this exhibit during the county meet at Decatur March 25th and 26th.

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Miss Vera Walker of the White Hill school is making use of a unique feature in her school work that is commended to the schools of the county. She and her pupils have drawn up a constitution for their room, setting forth the rules by which they are to be governed. A copy of this constitution has been requested for publication and it is hoped that it may appear in these columns next week. White Hill has three bright girls in the persons of Anna Beth Swain, [illegible] and Mildred Washington. The first two are eleven years of age and are in the sixth grade, while Mildred [illegible] years [illegible].

Responding to a questionnaire sent out from this office on the subject of taxation, the teachers have thus far sent in some twelve or more answers by their pupils. Among these answers we find the following by Paul Rose of the Howard school third grade, which is reproduced herewith:

1. What we buy with taxes from the state: We take money from our state tax to pay for text books for children to use who attend the free schools of our state.
2. What we buy with taxes from the county: A part of our county tax is used to buy machinery, such as tractors, graders and other things that are needed to use on our county roads.
3. What we buy with taxes from our school districts: We take money from our district tax to buy supplies and equipment for our school [illegible] such as desks, black boards, [illegible], maps, brooms, fuel and chalk.

Other answers will be published at later intervals and it is hoped that teachers will continue sending in their pupils' work. It is suggested that the pupils make their answers personal and give briefly the benefits they receive personally from expenditure of taxes.

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Teachers of the county have an opportunity to render their pupils a real service by inviting them to hear Prof. W. H. Lappe [illegible] an important subject of poultry raising at Decatur during the [illegible] part of March. Prof. Lappe is head of the research department at the [illegible] Island Lines and is an outstanding authority on poultry. Thru the courtesy of Cody Milligan Prof. Lappe has consented to make one address in the county some time between March 15th and March 31st. The exact date will be announced later.

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Extension class under W. E. Metzenthin of Denton Teachers' College will meet at the Decatur high school building on Saturday, February 26th, at ten o'clock a. m. for the first class period. Mr. Metzenthin will conduct two classes in education on each Saturday. Teachers are urged to make use of this opportunity to secure their college credits.

In the Lincoln essay contest conducted in the Decatur high school by Mrs. Oma Cartwright last week, Lute Ramsey won first place and Francis Lacey won second place. Young Ramsey was awarded the medal at the assembly on Thursday of last week by Rev. E. H. May.

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Union Chapel school is preparing to enter the league meet March 25th and 26th with some strong entries. It is of interest that Union Chapel won [illegible] place in declamation last year.

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Mrs. R. F. Vance of the Red Willow school is having her seventh grade pupils experiment with old newspapers and salt as the material in the making of contour map.

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Wife (reading newspaper): "Says here that men grow bald because of the intense activity of their brains."

Hubby: "Exactly. And women have no whiskers because of the intense activity of their chins."

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Once again the husband came staggering home late.

"Oh, Jim, you have been drinking again!" sobbed the wife as she caught a whiff of beer.

"No, dearie, you wrong me. I've been eatin' fregsh [illegible] an' you shmell the hops."

Notice by Publication.

The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable fo Wise County greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county, at least once a week for ten days previous to the return day thereof, copies of the following notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of Amelia E. Rice, deceased: Mrs. Eva Thompson has filed an application in the County Court of Wise County on the 2nd day of February, 1927, for the probate of the will of Amelia E. Rice, deceased, and for the issuance of letters testamentary, which said application will be heard by said court on the 4th day of April, 1927, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Decatur, Texas, this 2nd day of February, 1927. LORY D. WHITE, Clerk, County Court, Wise County, Texas. By [illegible] Hoy, Deputy. [illegible] 11-18

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"I couldn't sleep and I was [illegible] I kept getting weaker. I couldn't stand on my feet. This was an unusual condition for me as I had been pretty strong all along. I knew that I would have to do something, and that pretty soon.

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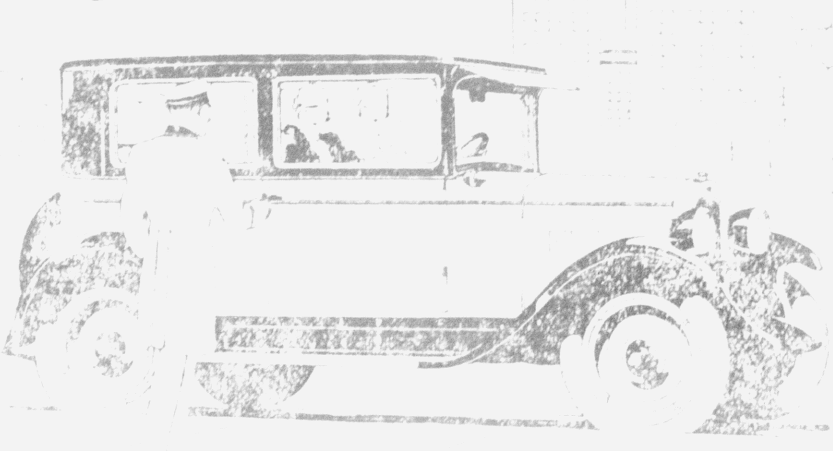

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